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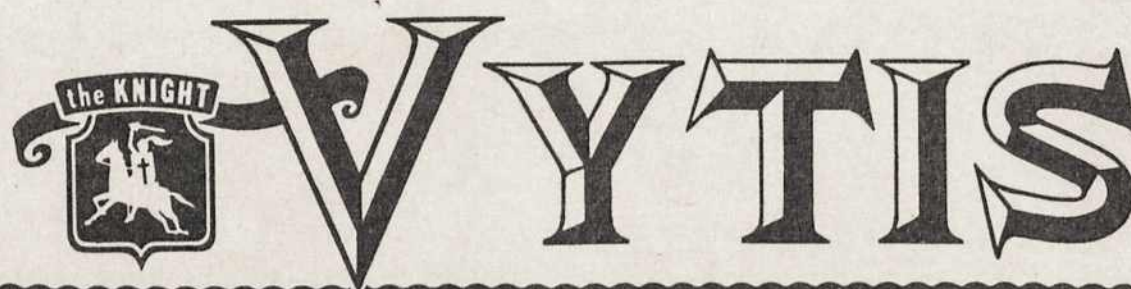
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"Christ Is Risen, Rejoice!"

by Rev. Albert Contons

"God is dead". This was the popular teaching of some theologians only a few years ago. It was then that the Beatles were at the height of their popularity. One of them, John Lennon, caused a furor when he remarked casually, "The Beatles are more popular than Jesus Christ".

Today some of the most popular songs are religious: "Amazing

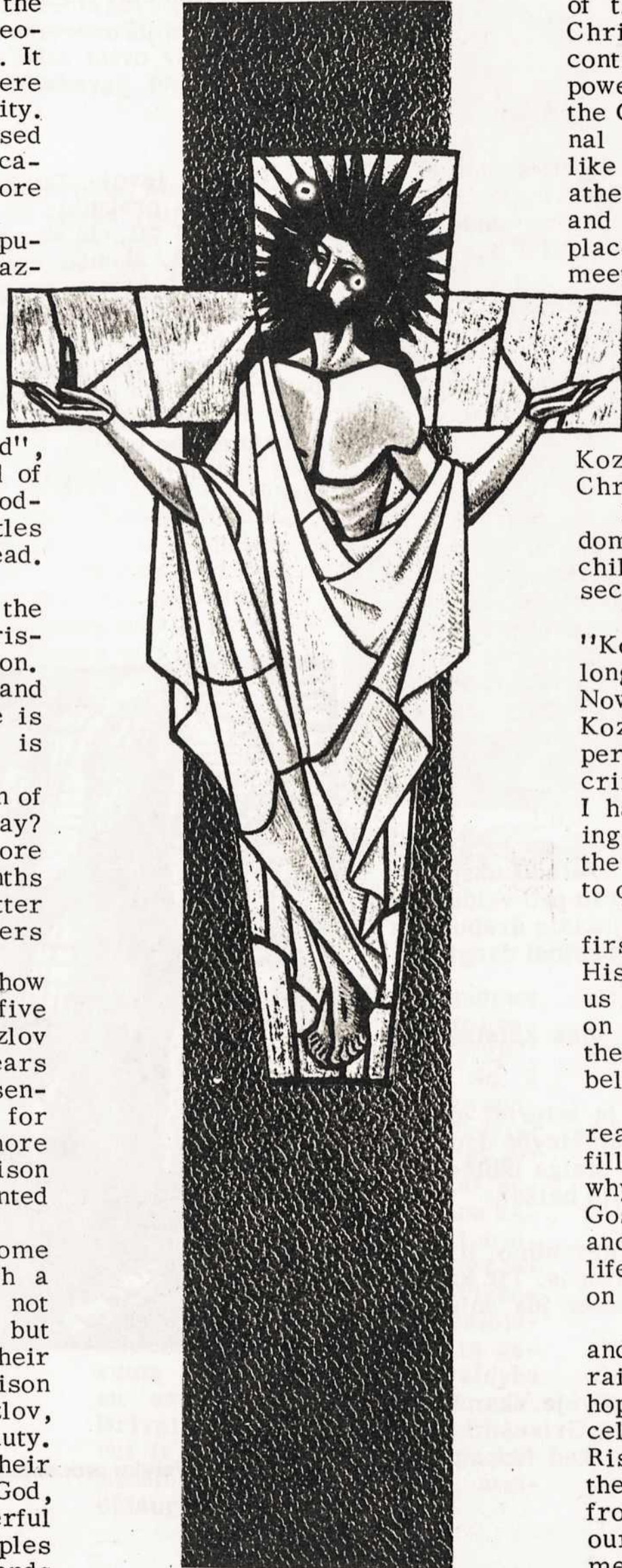
Grace", "My Sweet Lord", "Put Your Hand in the Hand of the Man from Galilee", "Godspell". As a group, the Beatles have broken up. They are dead. But God is very much alive.

The death of Jesus is not the greatest mystery of our Christian faith. It is His Resurrection. Jesus is the victor over sin and death. His tomb is empty. He is risen from the dead. He is triumphant, glorious.

What does the Resurrection of Jesus mean in our life, today? God's Spirit often speaks more clearly in suffering. Some months ago an extraordinary open letter was addressed to Soviet leaders by a Russian named Kozlov.

He tells of his boyhood, how his father died, leaving five children. At the age of 15 Kozlov was sent to prison for four years for stealing. In 1946 he was sentenced to five more years for possession of firearms; ten more years for camp banditry. Prison life led him to despair. He wanted to commit suicide.

But in prison he met some people of high morals, with a purpose in life. They were not criminals guilty of robbery, but believers imprisoned for their living faith. In spite of prison hardships, according to Kozlov, "They radiated spiritual beauty. Their pure, righteous life, their profound faith and devotion to God, their meekness and wonderful courage became clear examples of genuine life for many thousands



of those confined. In their faces Christ was reflected". Kozlov continued, "The transforming power of Christ and the power of the Gospel won not only my criminal heart, but those of hundreds like me who had been poisoned by atheism and vice. Russian camps and jails have become for many, places of spiritual rebirth and meeting with Christ. In 1953",

Kozlov confesses, "I became a Christian".

Eventually he won his freedom, married, and had five children. But now he was persecuted for his religious beliefs.

In one courtroom he testified, "Kozlov the bandit and robber long ago died and was buried. Now, by the mercy of God, lives Kozlov the Christian... Having experienced all the terror of a criminal, sinful life in the past... I have come to know the liberating power of Christ". This is what the Resurrection of Christ means to one Christian.

For St. Paul, Christ is the first fruits of the Resurrection. His Resurrection is a pledge to us that we too shall be raised up on the last day. We are living in the age of the Risen Savior. We belong to Him.

For us eternal life has already begun. We wait for its fulfillment on the last day. That is why Jesus tells us in John's Gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him to life on the last day." (John 6,54).

In Christ we have died to sin and selfishness. In Christ we are raised up to new life in faith, hope and love. Easter is the celebration of this new life in the Risen Lord. It is a look ahead to the day when we too shall be raised from the dead, when our joy and our life will find ultimate fulfillment.

TREMTINIO "VELYKOS ŽEMĖS EKVATORIUJE"

(ISTRAUKA IS HENRIKO LUKASEVICIAUS ROMANO "LIKIMO ZAISMAS")

Ir taip pamažu laivas įplaukė į patį žemės ekvatorių. Kaip mižiniški lėktuvo sparnai gaubė laivą balti uždengimai, kuriuos taip degino saulė, kad, rodos, jie tuoj pradės rūkti ir degti. Po jais sėdėjo liūdnas ir susimastęs Normantas. Buvo Didysis Šeštadienis, Šv. Velykų išvakarės. Atėjo naktis. Užmigo laivas. Tik vienas Normantas nerimo. Jį kankino Lietuvos prisiminimai. Tą šventą, didelę naktį budėjo žmonės Lietuvos bažnyčiose. Ten skendo Kristaus grabas žvakių šviesoje... O kai išaušdavo Velykų rytas, suskambėdavo bažnyčių varpai ir su procesija šventoriun virsdavo pro bažnytėlės duris baltom skarelėm margos minios, kas išsakys, kas aprašys to švento jausmo didybę ir grožį? Kai jis pats buvo toj minioj, kažin ar mokėjo suprasti, kaip visa tai yra nepakeičiama ir brangu. Bet užtai dabar, ant žemės ekvatoriaus jis visu žiaurumu pajuto, ko neteko... Kai po sunkių minčių jis užmerkė akis ir užmigo, sapnavo, kad per nepažįstamas, tolimas, beribes erdves jis, štai, skrenda, skrenda Lietuvon. Erdvėmis sklido dangiška muzika. Ji buvo vis garsesnė ir garsesnė. Ir štai: girdi jis, kad visas dangus chorų chorais galingai gieda:

"Linksma diena mums nušvito"

Tuo metu iš užpakalio kažkas švelniai užspaudė jo ausis ir dvi baltos rankos praslydo pro veidą. Jis apsisuko. Prieš jį baltais ir spindinčiais drabužiais stovėjo jo geltonplaukė žmona. Šypsojosi dangiškos laimės šypsena ir tarė:

" - Atsikėliau ir aš, nes visi mes kelsimės... Aleliuja, Vytautai!"

Jis šoko prie jos, norėdamas ją stipriai apkabinti, taip, kad nei gyvenimas nei amžinybė daugiau jų niekadoms neišskirtų. Bet šviesa staiga išblėso, o iš aukštybių, kaip griaustinis, prabilo balsas:

" - Tik ne dabar. Tu esi iš gyvenimo, ji - iš amžinybės... Jūsų karalystės skirtingos. Tik kai ir tu numesi gyvenimo skraistę, tuomet jus sujungs amžinybė..."

Žodžiai susiliejo su muzika. Erdvėje skambėjo galinga Aleliuja, Aleliuja, Aleliuja... Griausmingas dangaus himnas buvo toks stiprus, kad Normantą pažadino.

Pašoko lovoje. Jau buvo visai šviesu. Nubraukęs nuo kaktos prakaitą, jis valandėlę pats negalėjo susivokti, ar tai vis dar sapnas, ar tikrovė, bet greit prasiblaivė, skubiai apsirengė ir išbėgo ant denio.

Akinanti šviesa buvo pripildžiusi Atlantą. Vos, vos jaučiamas vėjelis supėsi ore ir mažytėse, smulkuotėse Atlanto bangelėse.

Vytautas atėjo į laivo priešakį, sustojo ties bortu, pasirošęs čia pats vienas dalyvauti didžiojoje Kristaus Rezurekcijoje, kurią ruošia be bažnyčios, be altoriaus, be kunigo, be žmonių ir be Monstrancijos pats platusis Atlantas savo karštoj, ekvatoriškoj širdy.



"Velyku procesija Lietuvoj"

Telesforas Valius

Šią didžiąją valandą lyg meldėsi tyliai Atlanto gelmės, šnabždėjo maldos žodžius žmogui nesuprantama kalba vėjelis, klaupėsi bangelė po bangelės.

Ir štai, horizonte iš vandenų pakyla didžioji ostija - saulė - nuberdama Atlantą spalvom, gražesnėm už aukso ir briliantų žėrėjimą. Rodos, kad žemė užsidėjo savo karūną, kad pasitiktų prisikėlusį Kristų, ir gamtos širdis suliepsnojo dėkinga meilės ugnimi savo Kūrėjui. O žmogus, kuris gal vienintelis visame didžiajame ekvatoriuje dalyvavo šioje gamtos suruoštoje Rezurekcijoje, nuo balto laivo viršūnės, praskleidęs lietuviško rašto maldaknygę, ėmė iš jos skaityti:

"Subatai praėjus, Marija Magdalena, Marija Jokūbo motina ir Saliomė nusipirko kvėpalų eiti Jėzaus patepti. Labai anksti pirmą savaitės dieną jos atėjo pas kapą, saulei jau užtekėjus. Jos kalbėjosi tarp savęs: kas mums atris akmenį nuo kapo angos? Bet pažvelgusios pamatė akmenį atristą; o buvo jis labai didelis..."

Širdyje užlūžo žodžiai: - "Kas mums atris akmenį nuo kapo angos?"...

- Kiek tautų ir kiek milijonų žmonių leidai, Viešpatie, piktiems žmonėms suvaryti į kapus, ar į katakombas - meldėsi jis - ir leidai užversti didžiulį akmenį ant mūsų amžiaus angos?... - ir jo, nelaimingo tremtinio, širdy brendo tikėjimas, tvirtas, kaip uola, kad akmenį nuo mūsų amžiaus angos nuris visos tos nekaltos aukos, nes nė vienas nekalto kraujo lašelis tenai nebus užmirštas; dangus turi savo teisybę ir niekad piktas sutvėrimas nebus galingesnis už Kūrėją. Normantas stovėjo paskendęs mintyse, giliose, kaip tas vandenynas po jo kojų.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mieloji Redaktore
Ponia Loreta,

Jūsų gerumas LKRŠ visuomet buvo žymus. Tačiau Jūsų taip gražiai atkreiptas dėmesys "Vytyje" vasario mėn., volume 58, No. 2 yra didelis ir gražus vytiškas nuoširdumas persekiojamai Bažnyčiai Lietuvoje. Jūs skiriate "Vytyje" gerą vietą ir labai vaizdžiai sudėjote informacijas - maldos kalendorių, kaip ir kada vyčiai atsimins persekiojamą Bažnyčią Lietuvoje. Tai yra Jūsų lietuviškos širdies ir užuojautos persekiojamiems brangi dovana. Už tą gerumą dėkoja visa LKRŠ valdyba su savo pirmininku vysk. V. Brizgiu. Labai ačiū ir už "Dievui ir Tėvynei" aprašymą paskutiniame puslapyje. Negaliu atsidžiaugti Jūsų nuoširdumu.

Labai gražiai su LKRŠ ir per "Vyti" bendradarbiauja p. Antanas Miner. Vėl gavome jo puikų laišką ir aukų religinei šalpai. Labai gražiai sudėjote lietuvių kryžius New Jersey apylinkėje. Gyvuokite.

Su pagarba ir padėka,

Kun. Stasys Raila
L.K.R.Š.

Dear Editor:

Thank you for printing the mention of the Elizabeth Lithuanian Cross in the February VYTIS. I enjoyed the entire article very much.

Stanley Valatka
C-52, Elizabeth, N.J.



LAST CALL!

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As an added treat, you'll meet "the natives"--especially those of Lithuanian ancestry. In Bogota, Montivideo, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, and Caracas, special get-acquainted evenings are planned with local Lithuanians. Representatives of Lithuanian communities in these cities are enthusiastically preparing programs featuring local talent, and the K of L will respond in kind, with its own talent. Soloists Prudencija Bickiene of Chicago and Louis Stukas of Hillside, N.J., plus comedian-actor Vitalis Zukauskas of New York will present the K of L half of the programs. This "trio" of outstanding performers made a most successful concert tour through Germany a few years ago, and promise to be equally entertaining this time.

The cost is \$850.00, which includes all travel expenses, hotel accommodations, two meals per day, and most tour incidentals, for 16 days. The tour departs on Thursday, JUNE 22, at 11:00 a.m. from New York's JFK Airport, via Avianca Flight No. 53, and returns to JFK on Friday, JULY 7, at 2:00 p.m., via Viasa Flight No. 750.

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LITHUANIAN EASTER CUSTOMS



Unusual Easter customs, so familiar to our people, have their beginning a week before Easter, when, on Palm Sunday, sleepy-eyed children are awakened early in the morning by a gentle flogging with juniper twigs. The older brothers and sisters or the parents of the children repeat this little formula, "I do not flog you, the palm (verba) is flogging you. In a week it will be Easter and I wish you health. Will you promise me an Easter egg?" It is an age-old belief, that the touch of the evergreen twig induces health and beauty.

After church services, everyone gathers in the churchyard and lovingly beat each other reciting the same formula, "I do not flog you, the palm is flogging you. I wish you health". Others recite a different "flogging formula", "Go out disease, come in health!" If any one of the people do not bring juniper twigs or willow branches to church, it is said that the devil has given them his tail to hold during services.



The holy days of Holy Week are always imitations of the services held in the parish churches. On Maundy Thursday every house-keeper gives her home a thorough cleaning and the entire family bathes in the famous steamed bath-houses. On Good Friday it is forbidden to do any kind of hard work. On Holy Saturday, when the water and fire are blessed during the church services, it is the duty of the children to bring home a jar or two of the new holy water, because, it is said the good

performance of that duty assures them of good luck as herders. On Holy Saturday also, a new fire is kindled in the family hearth and the Easter meals are cooked on this new flame. The parish priests go about blessing the tables loaded down with food.

The coloring of the Easter egg is probably one of the most important customs amongst our people. The Lithuanian patterns are usually geometrical and plant ornaments but never are animals or men used as patterns. Two techniques are used in the decoration of eggs: ornaments are scratched with a sharp knife on an already colored egg, or the egg is covered with a wax in various patterns and then dipped successively in several dyes.

The most popular game during the Easter season is the breaking of eggs with the owner of the stronger egg taking the broken egg.

Many of the people spend the night before Easter in the parish church, because the Blessed Sacrament is solemnly exposed and a replica of the tomb of Christ is exhibited in all of the churches. Many of the men of the parish, dressed as soldiers, stand guard all night and then during the Resurrection Mass march in a solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament. During the procession a very famous hymn, "A Joyous Day Has Dawned" (Linksma Diena Mums Nušvito), is joyously sung, because that is the end of the strict forty day fast that the people usually practised. After services everyone dashed home, because, it was then, they could

break their forty day fast; and it was again said, that the first one home would be first one to finish all of his work for the year.

Breakfast is begun with blessed food. This meal is the breaking of the hard seven week fast. Usually the head of the family makes a speech saying, "We are ending the fast, now may our hardships fast". Then after a very hearty breakfast everyone usually went to sleep until noon.

It was the usual custom to visit the cemeteries in the afternoon and to place decorated Easter eggs upon the graves of the little children. On Easter morning children found colored eggs on their beds and they were told that the eggs were left by the Old Easter Lady (Velykų Bobutė).

Easter Sunday was considered a great feast day and usually no merrymaking or dancing was allowed on that day. In the evening, groups of "Easter Singers", called lalauninkai, went about singing specially composed hymns and songs. The singers usually collected "alms", which were Easter eggs. The singers introduced themselves with long formal Easter greetings and then began their singing.

Easter Monday was the day everyone sang and danced. Swinging on swings was the most popular sport and a number of songs were always sung while on the swings. It is said also, that on Easter Tuesday, the farmer must not work, but just rest, because it was known as "the hail day", for if anyone were to shake the earth by using the plough, the crops would be destroyed by hail in the summer.

These are just a few of the many customs the Lithuanian people observed during the very solemn festive Easter season.



A COUNCIL ANNIVERSARY . . .

By Fran Petkus

On February 26, Dayton Knights of Lithuania enjoyed a two-fold celebration worthy of special mention... the 40th Anniversary of their Council 96... and a Surprise Party for their first president, FRANK GUDELIS!

It all began with Mass held at Holy Cross Church at 7:30 P.M. with Bishop Anthony Deksnyš, spiritual leader of Lithuanian Catholics in the countries of western Europe, the celebrant! Following the Mass, members gathered in the church hall for dinner.

Chairman Elinor Sluzas began the evening program by recounting the beginnings of the council. She closed with "there is one facet of our council's work that needs to be completed and that is... This Is Your Life... Frank Gudelis!" The expression on Frank's face was beyond words. Cheers were heard from the members... those

who know Frank's history... those who have seen his works... those who have heard of all he has done... his dedication to the "Vyčiai"... Frank was C-96's first president and the only member to maintain continuous membership for 40 years (Joe Sinkwitz would have been able to share this honor with Frank had he been there). The many members of the council... if not in body... in soul... there to commemorate this special occasion, C-96's 40th Anniversary and Frank's party... gave a standing ovation!!!

Jerry Bedrowsky, moderator, read the history of Frank's life! Well known and little known stories and incidents were brought to light! Many memories returned to Veronika Omlor, Mary Lucas, Bea Noreikas, Stan Kavy, George Mikalauskas, Charles Petkus, Kitty Prasmantas and many others of



A Council "Birthday" Cake, by Mary Lucas.

those days now past! Poor Frank had no chance to get in a word as Elinor kept telling him "it's not your turn yet, Frank"!

Father Titas gave a resume of Frank's many good works, and announced that Frank is to receive a Papal Blessing for the outstanding work he has done for the parish and the Knights! Bishop Deksnyš gave a most inspiring talk on his delight in being among Lithuanians and Knights of Lithuania in Dayton. Greetings were extended to Frank from George Barman, editor of the Diocesan paper, the Catholic Telegraph. Mr. Barman was recipient of the K of L medal at the Dayton convention in 1967. Mrs. Barman was a guest at the dinner as was Frank's sister, Mary.



Rev. Titas Narbutas, Council Spiritual Advisor.



C-96 President Joseph Noreikas, Elinor Sluzas, Frank Gudelis, and Bishop Deksnyš.



AND "THIS IS YOUR LIFE, FRANK GUEDELIS"

(Compiled by Veronica Omlor, George Mikalauskas, Elinor Sluzas)

Then it was Frank's turn...

Frank Gudelis was born in December, 1909, the eldest of a family of seven children. His father died when Frank was but 13 years old. At this early age he took over as head of the household, for in those days there was no help from Social Security.

Frank helped by working on the local farms and earned his way through Steele High School. Frank was always a brilliant student... He skipped a grade in elementary school and throughout his high school days was among the top in his class. Even now he is affectionately dubbed, "The Walking Encyclopedia".

In the early years of Holy Cross Parish, Frank became actively engaged in parish activities and was of utmost help to all the pastors who came to Holy Cross. To this day he continues to be quite active and he can almost always be found in his "Office" in the church basement. Through

efforts of Frank, Veronica Sinkwitz Omlor, Vincent Ed. Pavis and Vincent Damasius, K of L C-96 was re-organized in Dayton, Ohio in February, 1932. Frank was elected as the council's first president and held that post for several years. It was Frank who held the council together during the tottering war years, when couples were leaving the council to raise families. Frank was also elected to the Office of Supreme Council President on the national level, then later served as National Treasurer for many years. Most K of L-ers are well-acquainted with his other offices in the K of L on the national, district and local levels!

Frank has attended many a national, district and bowling tournament these many years. He was also active in the drama circle, but much to Daytoners' regret never joined the choir. Frank was instrumental in organizing new councils in Springfield, Columbus, Cincinnati, Grand Rapids and the C-96 Junior council. He was also active in Dayton civic organizations and parish organizations

other than K of L... St. Peter's Society, Susivienymas, Holy Name Society, Sarysis, Parish Council and Seminary Scholarship Fund.

Frank started working for the People's Railway System at an early age and is still with the company which has since been named City Transit. Frank didn't have time for romance although

he had many admirers! At religious discussions, if ever a question came up that no one was able to answer, Frank would volunteer to look it up and give a complete report at the next discussion meeting! The Lithuanian language has always been close to his heart. Frank organized Lithuanian language classes at several different times and has taught both children and adults.

To this day, something magical happens at midnight on New Year's Eve... when Frank takes off his glasses... watch out girls! But Frank, through the years, has been more than faithful to both the parish and the council... he has been C-96's guiding hand and a very patient sponsor!



A personal greeting to Frank from the ladies.



City Transit Car, made by Joseph Cernevicius, and presented to Frank by K. Bedrowsky.

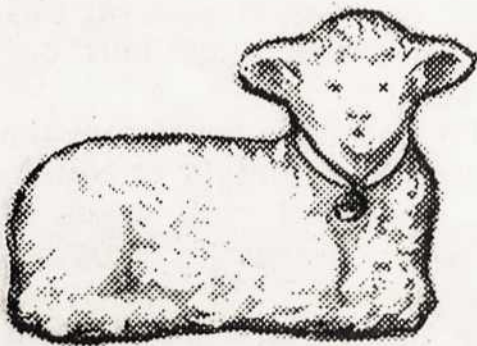
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... And Its Symbolic Foods

By Loretta I. Stukas

"This is the day which the Lord has made, the Feast of Feasts, and our Pasch: the Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to the flesh." These solemn words, from the official calendar of the Western Church, announce the celebration of Easter Sunday, and all its festivities, religious and otherwise.

Easter is a many-faceted feast for the Christian... it signifies the resurrection of Christ, the beginning of a new season of the Church, and the end of the long lenten fast. Thus, it is only natural that food play a most important part in the Easter celebration and its symbolism. A few special Easter dishes stand out especially in their association with this great feast.



THE EASTER LAMB is perhaps the most significant of symbolic foods for this great feast. In much of Europe, the Lamb, representing Christ holding the flag of victory, is a most popular image. The Benedictine Monastery in Bobbio, Italy, as early as the 7th Century enlisted a prayer for the blessing of lambs, and for many centuries, roast lamb was the highlight of the Pope's Easter dinner. Even today in honor of the Paschal Lamb, many Christians use lamb meat as the basis of their Easter meal, although in many lands, little figures of a lamb, made of pastry, have been substituted for the meat, and serve as beautiful Easter centerpieces.

It was considered a lucky omen to meet a lamb at Easter time, for the Devil is supposedly able to

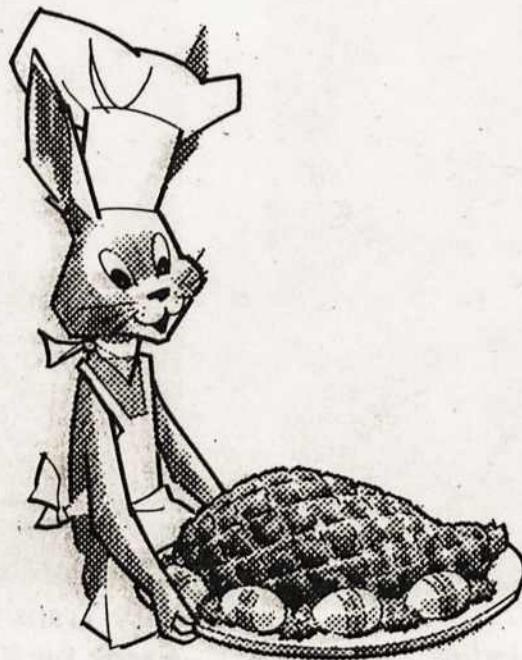
take the form of all other animals, but not that of the lamb, because of its religious symbolism.



Our pre-Christian ancestors used the EGG as their symbol of spring and new life. The Christians bestowed a religious interpretation on it, comparing it to the rock tomb out of which Christ emerged to the new life of His resurrection.

Besides, as one of the foods forbidden in lent in earlier times, the egg also has a practical reason for being considered a special sign of Easter Joy and a treat at the Easter table.

From early times, Christians painted Easter eggs in gay colors and artistic designs and presented them to friends as Easter gifts. Lithuanians traditionally start their Easter celebration with a blessed egg, at breakfast, when the father of the house distributes them, to members of the family and guests, wishing all a happy feast.



The EASTER HAM, also very popular at Eastertime, has more pagan background than religious significance. Since ancient times, the pig has symbolized good luck and prosperity.

Even today, children use "piggy banks"... many adults wear little pig figures as good luck charms... in several European languages especially, the word "pig" is synonymous with "good luck".

In pre-Christian times, it was customary to eat pork on festive occasions, and later the English and Scandinavians ate boar meat and the Germans and Slavs roast pork at weddings and on major feasts and festive occasions. Christians of Europe also adopted the custom of eating smoked or cooked ham at Easter many centuries ago, and made it the traditional dish for Easter in America as well.



Many nations, including Lithuania, have distinctive Easter breads and pastries made only at Eastertime. The use of eggs, butter and milk is a most welcome postscript to the long lenten fast.

Whatever the foods used, the Easter Table is most important to Christians. Thus, a popular European custom which found its way into the U.S. as well is the blessing of Easter foods. Homemakers gather together baskets of Easter foods, and bring them to Church on Holy Saturday for blessing, then arrange it artistically on the table, in preparation for the "Feasts of Feasts".

Ref.: "HANDBOOK OF CHRISTIAN FEASTS AND CUSTOMS", Francis X. Weiser, Harcourt, Brace and Co.

VELYKŲ MARGUTIS



Lietuviams margučiai - tradicinis Velykų stalo papuošalas. Lietuvoje kiekviena šeimininkė stengiasi Velykoms kuo daugiausiai kiaušinių prisimarginti.

Kiaušinių marginimo paprotys minimas jau senovės graikų ir romėnų raštuose. Graikijoje ir Romoje kiaušinis buvo priemone apsaugoti nuo pikty dvasių, blogų žmonių ir nelaimių. Kiaušinis buvo aukojamas dievams. Jų lukštus imūrydavo į pastatų pamatus apsi-

saugoti nuo apsinuodijimo ir kitų ligų.

Indijoje kiaušinis buvo laikomas atgimimo simboliu. Germanų tautose kiaušinis buvo laikomas gyvybės simboliu. Jis buvo dažomas raudonai dievaičio Đorono barzdai atminti. Persijoje yra paprotys dovanoti gražius, paausiuotus kiaušinius naujų metų dieną.

Prancūzai mano, kad kiaušiniai, sudėti Didįjį Penktadienį, gali užgesinti perkūno sukeltą ugnį. Malajiečiai gimdančiai moteriai įduoda kiaušinį, kad nekankintų piktosios dvasios. Be to, per malajiečių vestuves kiekvienas svečias gauna raudonų kiaušinių. Vakarinės Javos dalies malajiečiai kiaušinius deda po naujai vedusiųjų vartais.

Turkai kiaušinį laiko gelbėjimosi priemone. Afrikos kabilų žmonos, pirmą kartą įjojusios mulu į savo vyro namus, turi ikišti rankas į išstirpintą sviestą ir su-

daužyti žalią kiaušinį tarp mulo ausų. Tuo sunaikinami vylingi kitų žvilgsniai į naujai susituokusius.

Vidurinėje Rusijoje šv. Jurgio dieną šeimininkė virdavo kiaušinius. Jais kas nors turėjo pakalentį galvijų sprandus, o paskui suvalgyti.

Labai didelė pagarboj buvo laikomas margutis ir Lietuvoje, kaip Velykų stalo papuošalas. Kiaušinius lietuviai dažo ir peiliuku išskutinėja įvairius lietuviškus ornamentus. Be to, buvo paprotys eiti kiaušiniuoti, lalauti, kiaušiniai mušti ir ritinėti. Vaikai stengdavosi aplankyti savo krikštaitėlius, iš kurių gaudavo po du gražius margučius. Margučiai džiugino spalvų skaidriais žaidimais: jose - spalvose - sesučių džiaugsmas išrašytas.

(from Draugas)

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LITHUANIAN KITCHEN . . .

LITTLE EARS (AUSUKES)

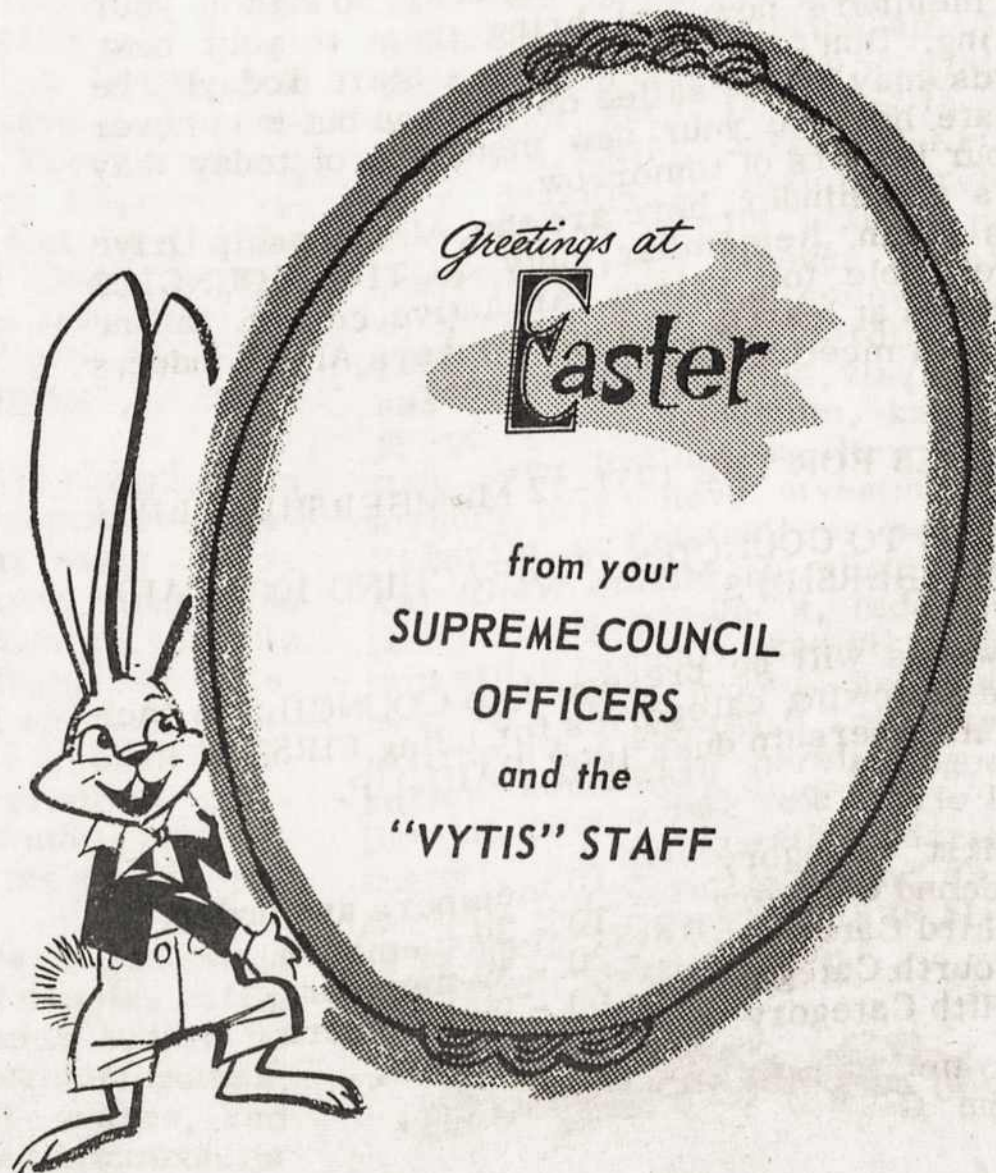
5 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
5 tbsps. sweet cream
1 jigger rum or brandy
flour

Cream yolks and sugar. Add cream and rum. Add enough flour to make stiff dough. Roll thin on floured board. Cut in diamond shapes. Slit middle, and pull one end of diamond through hole. Fry in deep hot fat till light brown. Drain on paper. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

"Popular Lithuanian Recipes"
by Josephine Dauzvardis

Editor's Note:

"Popular Lithuanian Recipes", by Josephine Dauzvardis, is a MUST for every Lithuanian housewife's cook book collection. Now in its 5th Revised Edition, the book contains an excellent collection of recipes of traditional Lithuanian foods - some simple, some elaborate, all destined to impress your family and friends. The book costs \$3.00 and can be obtained from the Lithuanian Catholic Press Center, 4545 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois - 60629.



Membership - WE NEED YOU



By the way, fellow Vyčiai, have you paid your dues yet? We want YOU as a member this year. So don't delay - YOU may be the one holding your Council back from being 100% paid up.

Once your dues are paid, help your council work toward Membership Recruitment because the deadline, June 30, 1972, is drawing near. So sign up your new members now and bring them to your next meeting. Don't miss the boat - Start Today! The awards may have "sailed on" by you but it is never too late because your new members of today may be your leaders of tomorrow.

As a reminder, here are the Membership Drive Rules again. Remember, only ACTIVE COUNCILS are eligible for prizes. An active council is one which has at least 5 paid up members, AND conducts at least 4 meetings during the year.

RULES FOR THE 1971-72 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

AWARDS TO COUNCILS ON REACHING 100% PAID-UP MEMBERSHIPS:

Awards will be presented to COUNCILS in each of the following categories for being FIRST to have their membership dues 100% PAID-UP.

- First Category - 10 members and under.
- Second Category - 10 - 29 members.
- Third Category - 30 - 59 members.
- Fourth Category - 60 - 99 members.
- Fifth Category - 100 or over.

AWARDS FOR SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS

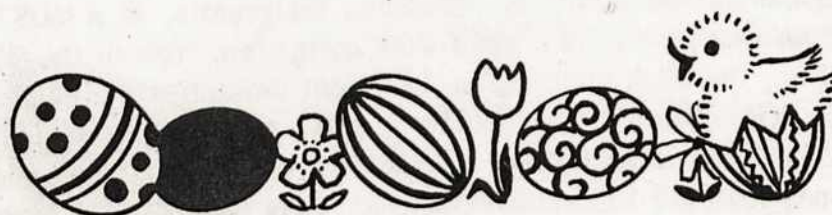
We will use same categories of Councils for awards as in 100% Paid-up set-up. Awards will be presented to the Council having the largest percentage increase over last year with a minimum of 10% increase.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Using the same categories as in 100% paid-up, we will give the awards to those individual members with the most total points. Signing up a NEW MEMBER will earn 10 points and signing up a previous member will earn 5 points.

A Previous Member is defined as someone who has not been a member during the past 12 months... A New Member is one who never belonged before. YOU can secure your MEMBERSHIP CARDS from YOUR COUNCIL or DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN. COUNCILS ARE URGED TO SECURE ADEQUATE MEMBERSHIP CARDS FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL FINANCIAL SECRETARY - IRENE OZALIS, 6148 Erdrick St., Philadelphia, Pa.- 19135.

Albert Ozalis
Membership Vice-President



MINTYS IŠ ARKIVYSKUPO JURGIO MATULAIČIO UŽRAŠŲ

Sesuo Marija Palmira



"RIKIUKITĖS IR AUKOKITĖS"! Taitestamentiniai ir paskutiniai arkv. Jurgio Matulaičio žodžiai. Šiuos žodžius, kaip MOTO galėtų įsisavinti kiekviena organizacija, ugdanti ir ruošianti savo narius gėriui skleisti. Kiekviena organizuota grupė neišvengiamai susitinka su reikalu - rikiuotis ir aukotis. Rikiuotis ir grupuotis galima ir ne visai gerais tikslais. Ir riaušėm kelti organizuojami žmonės, ir jie kartais labai nukentčia. Bet jų patirtos nuoskaudos negalima pavadinti auka kilniąja prasme, kuri tyrina ir valo, givina ir daigina gėrio sėklas.

Kaip arkv. Jurgis Matulaitis suprato "Rikiuokitės ir Aukokitės" galima rasti jo "UŽRAŠUOS", iš kurių sklinda jo dvasios kilnumas ir brandumas. "Noriu sudegti kaip žvakė ant Dievo altoriaus. Būti skuduru, kuriuo nušluostomos dulkės ir paskui metamas į kampa. Kad tik Bažnyčioje koks kampilis būtų švaresnis, kad tik labiau būtų Kristus ir Jo Bažnyčia mylima, kad tik daugiau sielų būtų išgelbėta".

Kai skaitai jo užrašus, jauti kaip jo širdis siekė apimti visą pasaulį, visus žmones; teikti pagalbą visiems. Tai Kristaus dvasia, tai didžios ir mylinčios širdies plotis. Jis sielojosi visa Katalikų Bažnyčia, visa visuomene, visu pasauliu.

Jis gerai žinojo, kad vienas žmogus negali apimti ir nuveikti

ties, kiek gali grupė. Todėl savo užrašuose nuolat kelia mintį apie grupinę veiklą, apie subūrimą geros valios žmonių, į organizacijas, į bendruomenę, jas uždegti idealu. Tada gėrio spinduliai šakosis ir plėsis, ir apims daugelį širdžių.

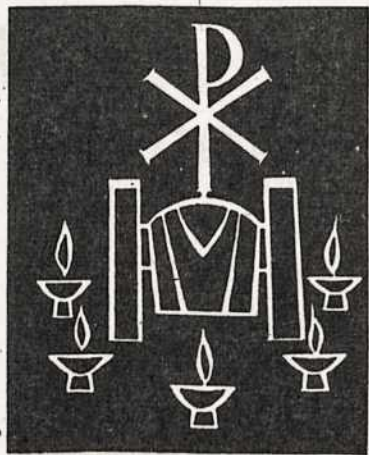
"Turime vienyti geros valios žmones, mylinčius Dievą ir Bažnyčią, ir juos organizuoti; turime juos žadinti į darbą Dievui ir Bažnyčiai, sieloms vesti į kovą prieš netikėjimo dvasią, prieš nedorybes; skelbti Kristų ne tik jiems, bet drauge su jais ir per juos". (UŽRAŠAI 48 psl.) Vienyti žmones ne laikui praleisti, pabūti kartu, bet prasmingai dirbti Dievui, Bažnyčiai ir sieloms. Kad Kristus apimtų vis daugiau ir daugiau širdžių, kad Jo gėris sklistų istorijos tekmeje. "Mes esam pasiketinę su pagalba organizuotų žmonių darbuotis Bažnyčiai. Todėl, kiek galint, kiekvienas mūsų privalėtų išmokti susirinkimuose vesti tvarką, vadovauti ir viešai kalbėti". (UŽRAŠAI 61 psl.) "Man rodos, mums reikia vengti, kad nesusiaurintume savo darbo dirvos. Negera būtų, kad prasimynę vieną taką, tik juo lieptume visiems vaikščioti. Kur tik yra kas padaryti didesnei Dievo garbei, tenai reikėtų mums skverbtis. Visa Katalikų Bažnyčia ir visa žmonija mums turi rūpėti". (UŽRAŠAI).

Arkv. J. Matulaitis jautė, kokia jėga glūdi gerai organizuotoj žmonių grupėj, kaip jis sako: - "Pasiuokojusių, save pamiršusių, su Kristumi susivienijusių". Bet jis nedėjo vilčių į didelius skaičius, į masines grupes. Jo tikslas suburti "geros valios žmones", vadinasi, dvasios stipruolius, nebijančius ne tik sunkumų, bet prireikus dėl idealo net gyvybę padėti.

Dažnai ne viena organizacija svajoja prisiauginti daugiau narių. Organizacijų stiprumą sudaro ne skaičiai, bet narių sąmoningumas, vidinė jėga. Labai svarbu, kad kiekviena katalikiška organizacija

kreiptų dėmesį į savo narių vidinį brandumą. Sielos jungtis su Kristumi yra ta didžioji jėga, kuri labai reikalinga ir laukiama mūsų dienose. Juo kuris organizacijos narys giliau siejasi su Viešpačiu, juo jis naudingesnis savai organizacijai, šeimai ir aplinkai, kurioje jis gyvena: - "Težino kiekvienas, kad tik tada jis naudingiausias žmonėms bei visuomenei, kada gyvena Kristaus dvasia ir kiek įmanydamas darbuojasi, kad visi Kristų pažintų, kad visur Kristus būtų įneštas, kad viskas būtų Jo dvasia persunkta. Kaip atskirų tautų, taip visos žmonijos kultūrai tėra tinkamiausi šie Šv. Rašto žodžiai: - "Nėra išgelbėjimo kitur, kaip tik mūsų Viešpatyje Jėzuje Kristuje". (Vedamoji Mintis Ir Dvasia). Šitai vienybei pasiekti reikia apvaldyti savo silpnumus, juos palenkti aukštesniam gėriui. Tai nėra lengva. Arkv. J. Matulaitis rašo: - "Duok Dieve, kad aš, savęs išsižadėjęs visiškai, kas kart labiau Tavyje ir Tavo šventoje valioje paskęčiau. Tik tada žmogus tikrą Dievo Sūnų laisvę įsigyji, kada, išsinėręs iš savimeilės kailio, apsisiauti Kristaus dvasios ir malonės rūbu. Tada tik iš tikrųjų pradedi pajusti, kad visi žmonės broliai, o žmonija - viena šeimyna. Ir pradedi savo karšta širdimi visus apglobti. Įmanytum, visą kraują po lašelį atiduotum, kad tik tuos savo brolius, tą Dievo šeimynėlę prie Dievo atvestum, su Bažnyčia, su Kristumi suvienytum. Kai Dievo meilė, į mūsų širdį įžengusi, ją praplečia, tada joje taip erdvu pasidaro, kad visi žmonės, be jokių luomų, ar tautų skirtumų į ją sutelpa." Taimintys kurios komentary nereikalingos. Bet jas pasisavinti reikia prie jų sustoti, jas įsimąstyti, padaryti savomis ir paversti gyvenimu. Tada jo šūkis "RIKIUKITĖS IR AUKOKITĖS" virstų tikrove.





FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



FOR GOD

By this time, all councils should have received an English translation of the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid statutes. Hopefully this will explain the aims of the L.C.R.A. and what is expected of the K of L in relation to the LCRA. Also, the February VYTIS carried the Religious Calendar, listing the assigned days of prayer for the various councils. Your prayers for the persecuted Church in Lithuania are needed very badly... Please get behind your council and conduct your day of prayer as suggested.

Financial donations to the LCRA have been coming in very slowly. Since the last published list of donations in December, only two added donations have been received:

C-116, Our Lady of Vilna Parish, Worcester -	\$15.00
Bill and Brone Wisnauskas, Gardner, Mass.	5.00

The total of all K of L donations to date is \$160.00.

Please continue sending LCRA donations to me, so that we can keep a correct record of K of L Contributions.

K of L members are urged to join with the Lithuanian Affairs Committee in writing to the National Council of Catholic Bishops asking for a resolutions protesting the persecution of Catholicism in Lithuania. Also, please write to your own bishops. A list of members of the US Catholic Conference Administrative Board is included with this article.

FOR COUNTRY

Religious persecution hurts the nation as a whole as well as church members, so we repeat the plea to write to your bishops.

Please have your council secretary send me the name and address of your Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman and members, so that each member may receive a bulletin. If your council has been lax in letter-writing, please awaken your members and get them to work. We need as much support as we can get for this most important job.

Publicity is important. Remember that the squeaky wheel gets the oil, so by constant hammering at our newspapers, senators, congressmen, etc. about Lithuania's cause, we can get results and recognition.

Tony Miner

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Lithuanians in The

NEWS



NEW PASTOR AT ST. CASIMIR'S,
WORCESTER

REV. ANTHONY MICIUNAS, MIC, has been appointed pastor of St. Casimir's Lithuanian Parish in Worcester, Mass., replacing the late Rev. John C. Jutt. To alleviate the shortage of Lithuanian-speaking priests in the Worcester diocese, Bishop B. Flanagan invited the Marian Fathers to assume leadership of the parish. The Marians accepted - and appointed Father Miciunas.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Father Miciunas brings with him a vast priestly experience. He was a pastor in Kenosha, Wisc. for several years, and spent six years as a general consultant in the Vatican. He has also served as administrator of DRAUGAS, and as superior of its monastery.

Much to the delight of Worcester Knights, Father Miciunas is no stranger to the K of L. He served as District Spiritual Adviser in the Illinois - Indiana District for several years, and was a familiar and welcome sight at most K of L functions of the district, spiritual, cultural, or social, whenever his schedule allowed.

Indeed, Chicago's loss is Worcester's gain. Warmest congratulations and sincerest wishes for success are extended to Father Miciunas in his new endeavor.

BALZEKAS MUSEUM BANQUET

On Saturday, Mar. 11, the Balzekas Lithuanian Museum of Lithuanian Culture held its Third Annual Awards Banquet, at the Blackstone Hotel, Chicago. This year, the Museum honored Dr. Preston Bradley as "American of the Year". Dr. Bradley received this award for his contribution to the benefit of mankind and the preservation of freedom. He is Founder and Senior Pastor of The Peoples Church of Chicago.

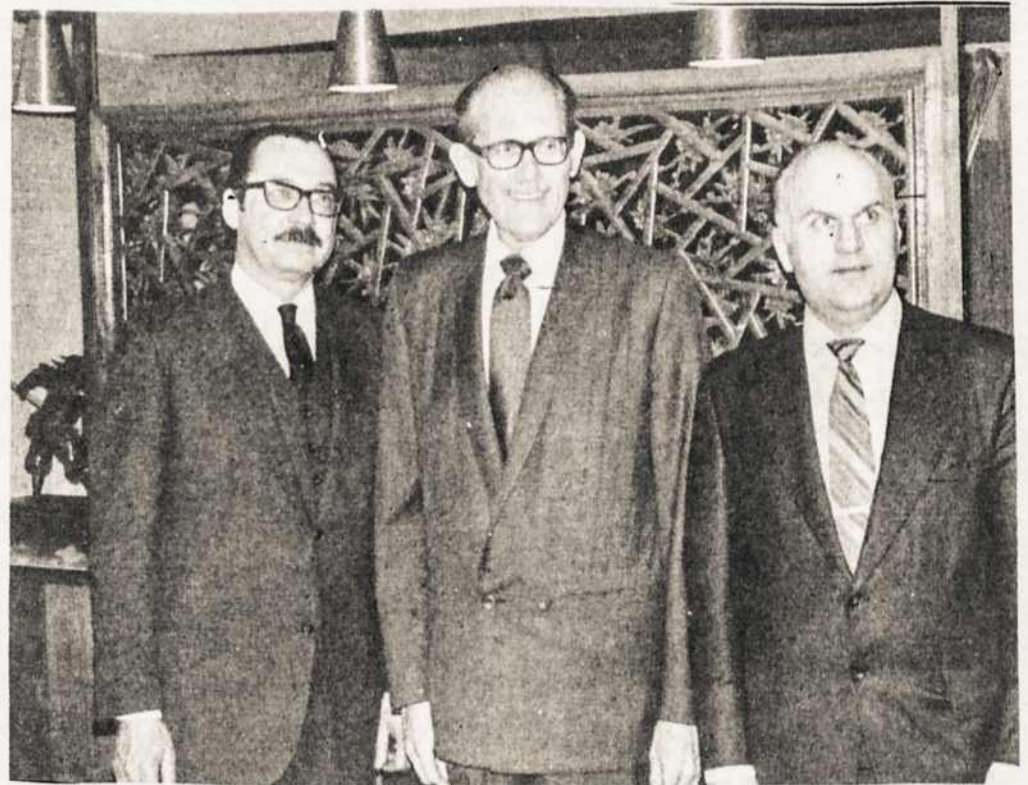


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l. to r. Stanley Balzekas, Jr., President of the Balzekas Museum, Dr. Charles S. Vil, Chairman of the Awards Banquet and Frank Zapolis, a member of the Awards Banquet Committee, are pictured during a planning meeting for the banquet.

FEBRUARY 16 COMMEMORATED BY
PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Hon. Juozas Kajeckas, Charge d'Affaires of Lithuania, Washington, D.C., received a letter of greeting and best wishes on the occasion of the 54th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence from U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers. The Communication states in part:

..."By their persevering and courageous struggle, the Lithuanian people maintained and enhanced their national culture and identity until that struggle reached its goal of an independent national existence in 1918. Foreign intervention ended that independence after a tragically short period but the Lithuanian people continue to aspire to freedom and national self-determination."

"The United States Government continues to understand and sympathize with the aspiration for self-determination of the Lithuanian people."

Lithuanian Independence Day was also commemorated... by proclamation of numerous governors and majors, by statements in the Senate and House of Representatives of members of those august bodies, and by editorials in many American newspapers. The expressions of concern for the Lithuanian nation on this occasion are much too numerous to itemize or quote here, but the Knights of Lithuania thanks all who have, by their words and deeds, so commemorated Lithuanian Independence Day.



KAZIMIERAS OKSAS NEŠIOS ERELIO
INSIGNIJA

Kazimieras G. Oksas gavo paaukštinimą - pakeltas į JAV Armijos atsargos pulkininko laipsnį. Šiuo metu jis yra 416-tos Inžinierių Komandos (USAR) Čikagoje Generalinio Štabo Kontrolierius.

Antrojo Pasaulinio Karo metu Oksas buvo aktyvus JAV Armijos narys, dalyvavo Korėjos kare ir vėl buvo pašauktas aktyvion tarnybon laike Berlyno krizės 1961 metais.

Civiliniame gyvenime jis yra Mutual Federal Tautpymo ir Skolinimo Bendrovės, 2212 West Cermak Road, Čikagoje, ekzekutyvas - viceprezidentas. Taip pat yra registruotas profesionalas inžinierius Illinois valstijoje.

Kazimieras yra Lietuvių Prekybos Rūmų prezidentas, narys Amerikos Lietuvių Inžinierių ir Architektų Sąjungos, Vyčių 112-tos Kuopos, SLA 322 kuopos, Marquette Parko Namų Savininkų Sąjungos patikėtinis ir Dariaus-Girėno Amerikos Legijono Posto 271 narys. Taip pat buvo Lietuvių Universiteto Klubu Pirmininku.



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LOUIS STUKAS AT ESSEX
OPERA THEATRE

A recent production of the opera "DIE FLEDERMAUS", by Strauss, presented by the ESSEX OPERA of New Jersey, featured tenor LOUIS STUKAS in the role of Alfredo. Mr. Stukas, a native of Hillside, N.J., is a popular soloist, especially in Lithuanian circles in the Eastern Seaboard, but has concertized for Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians alike in other parts of the USA as well as in Canada, Germany, England, and sang at the Church of "Aušros Vartai" (Gate of Dawn) in Vilnius, Lithuania. In addition to his singing talents, Mr. Stukas also directs the "ŽIBUOKLĖS" Women's Sextet and has composed numerous musical numbers.

. . . and News for Lithuanians



CONGRESSMAN RODINO HONORED

The Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Member of Congress, from New Jersey, 1969 recipient of the Knights of Lithuania Friend of Lithuania Award, and long-time friend of Lithuanians, was elected to serve as Chairman of the recent 20th Anniversary historic session of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Newark Star Ledger reported that "his selection was a distinct honor for the United States, since no other American had been chosen chairman of an ICEM meeting since the organization's inception. Rodino has been a vigorous member of ICEM since he was appointed by Congress eight years ago to serve as the U.S. representative to its meetings."

KELIONĖ Į ŠV. ŽEMĘ

Reta kelionė į Šv. Žemę - Palestiną, Romą ir norintiems, Miunchenan, Olimpiniams Žaidimams prasidės iš New Yorko rugpiūčio 17 d. (August 17th). Kelionės bilietas - nors vasaros skridimai yra brangesni - ir viskas kitas pramatoma kainuos tik 890 dolerių, 17-kai dienų.

Registruotis nevēliau balandžio 15 dienos (15th April), nes vēliau sunku bus gauti rezervacijų.

Visais reikalais (su 10 dol. priedu organizaci-nėms išlaidoms) rašyti:

Rev. Petras M. Urbaitis SDB
6800 S. Campbell Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60629 U.S.A.
Tel. PR-8-2126

arba pas vietinius lietuvius kunigus bei kelionės atstovus.

EXTRA COPIES OF VYTIS AVAILABLE

Was your November or December (1971) "slightly mixed up"? A slight malfunction of the printing machinery caused some copies of VYTIS to miss some pages... and have duplicates of others. The Printer - and the Staff apologize sincerely. Anyone wishing a correct copy of either (or both) of these issues can obtain them by writing to the Editor, Mrs. Loretta Stukas, 1467 Force Dr., Mountain-side, N.J. 07092.



KAIP PRAMOKTI LIETUVIŠKAI



Pirmiausia pasakysiu, kaip aš pats pramokau gražiai lietuviškai kalbėti. Jaunas atvykęs į Ameriką temokėjau tik dzūkiškai kalbėti, truputį paskaityti ir vos savo vardą pasirašyti. Greitai gavau darbą, susipažinau su vietos lietuviais ir įstojau į Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją. Čia, Clevelande, tada kuopoje buvo per 200 narių, o chorą sudarė 96 asmenys. Bedirbdamas su vyčiais ir pirmininkaudamas chorui patyriau, kad mantrūksta geros lietuvių kalbos: negalėjau gražiai taisyklingai kalbėti ir rašyti.

Po septynerių metų gerokai prasikūres, ryžausi mokytis dainavimo. Atvykęs į Valparaso (Ind.) Kolegiją radau ne tik gerus dainavimo profesorius, bet ir lietuvių kalbos mokytojus - Vyčius: Petrą Česnulį ir Petrą Daužvardį. Pirmasis dėstė lietuvių kalbos gramatiką, o antrasis - sintaksę. Čia ir praleidau beveik visą dvejų metų laiką besimokydamas lietuviškai. Susipažinau su lietuvių

poezija, literatūra ir istorija. Baigiau aukštais pažymiais.

Būtų gera ir čia gimusiems bei užaugusiems vyčiams pasistengti pramokti gražiosios savo tėvų kalbos. Tada būtų galima susipažinti su lietuvių literatūra, istorija, geografija ir papročiais iš tiesioginių šaltinių. Prasidėtų tautinis atgimimas ir tikroji savo tautos meilė, kurią vyčiai ugdo savo narių tarpe. Susidarytų žymiai platesnės galimybės lietuvių spaudai suklestėti. Atsirastų daugiau rašančių ir apie mūsų, vyčių veiklą.

Reikėtų sukrusti dabar, kada vyčiai pradėjo akciją už lietuvių kalbos sugražinimą į savo tarpą. Nesenai teko kalbėtis su lietuvių kalbos mokytoju Stasiu Barzduku. Jis mielai pasižadėjo duoti lietuvių kalbos pamokas "Vyties" žurnale.

Pasimokykime, kad ateinančiame Vyčių Seime Clevelande, visi galėtume kalbėti lietuviškai.

Senelis

K of L Calendar

APRIL

- 9 ANNUAL TV MASS, Government Center, Boston, Mass. Channel 7, WNAC, 9:15 A.M. - Sponsors-
New England District.
15 MARGUTIS 40th Anniversary DINNER-DANCE, Beverly Country Club, Chicago, Ill.
22 4th LITHUANIAN DANCE FESTIVAL DINNER-DANCE, Beverly Country Club, Chicago, Ill.
22 LITHUANIAN TELEVISION 6th Annual BANQUET, Lithuanian Hall, Chicago, Ill.
29 & 30 - Chicago Lithuanian Opera Co. Presentation of "JURATE AND KASTYTIS", Maria
Auditorium, Chicago, Ill.
30 NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION, C-78, Lawrence, Mass., Hosts.
30 RECEPTION for JUOZAS ERETAS, Annunciation Church Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y.

MAY

- 5 & 6 - "JURATE AND KASTYTIS", Chicago, Ill. (see Apr. 29 above)
6 C-96, Dayton - "ONE NIGHT IN MUNICH", Polka Dance, Lithuanian Club, Dayton, Ohio.
6 C-133 & C-133 Seniors, Los Angeles CONCERT AND BALL, St. Casimir Parish Hall,
Los Angeles, Calif.
6 C-112, Chicago, "A NIGHT IN DIXIE", K of L Building, Chicago, Ill.
6 C-116, Worcester, MILITARY WHIST PARTY, Our Lady of Vilna Church Hall, 153 Sterling St.,
Worcester, Mass. 8:00 P.M.
7 Cleveland Seniors MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,
Cleveland, Ohio.
9 C-29 Newark MASS FOR PERSECUTED LITHUANIA, Holy Trinity Church, Newark, N.J.
- 7:00 P.M.
13 C-29 Newark, CONCERT, featuring N.Y. Lithuanian Men's Chorus "PERKUNAS", Holy Trinity
Parish Hall, Newark, N.J. - 7:30 P.M.
19-20-21 - ANNUAL MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Royal Ascot Motor Inn, 1200 South-
field, Lincoln Park, Michigan, Headquarters. C-139, Detroit, Mich. Hosts.
28 "DRAUGAS" BANQUET, Martinique Restaurant, Chicago, Ill.

JUNE

- 2 C-116 Worcester, Mass. - MASS AND PRAYERS for suffering Lithuania.
3 C-7, Waterbury, K of L BOWLING BANQUET, American Brass Country Club, Waterbury, Conn.
4 NY-NJ DISTRICT MEETING, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J., C-29, Newark, Hosts.
10 C-17 & C-17 Seniors, So. Boston, SCHOLARSHIP DANCE, 6:30 P.M., Lithuanian Citizens
Club, So. Boston, Mass.
11 C-10, Athol-Gardner - ANNUAL BARBEQUE, Frank's Camp on White's Pond, Athol, Mass.
18 "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" RADIO PICNIC, "Priedaine" Latvian Park, Rt. 33, east of
Rt. 9, Freehold, N.J.
24 AMBER BALL, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
25 MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT PILGRIMAGE, St. George Lithuanian Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
Mass - 10:30 A.M., Benediction and Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes, 2:00 P.M. Cleveland,
Seniors, Hosts.

JUNE-JULY

- June 22 - July 7 - K of L SOUTH AMERICAN FESTIVIDAD.
June 30 - July 4 - II WORLD LITHUANIAN YOUTH CONGRESS, Chicago, Ill.

JULY

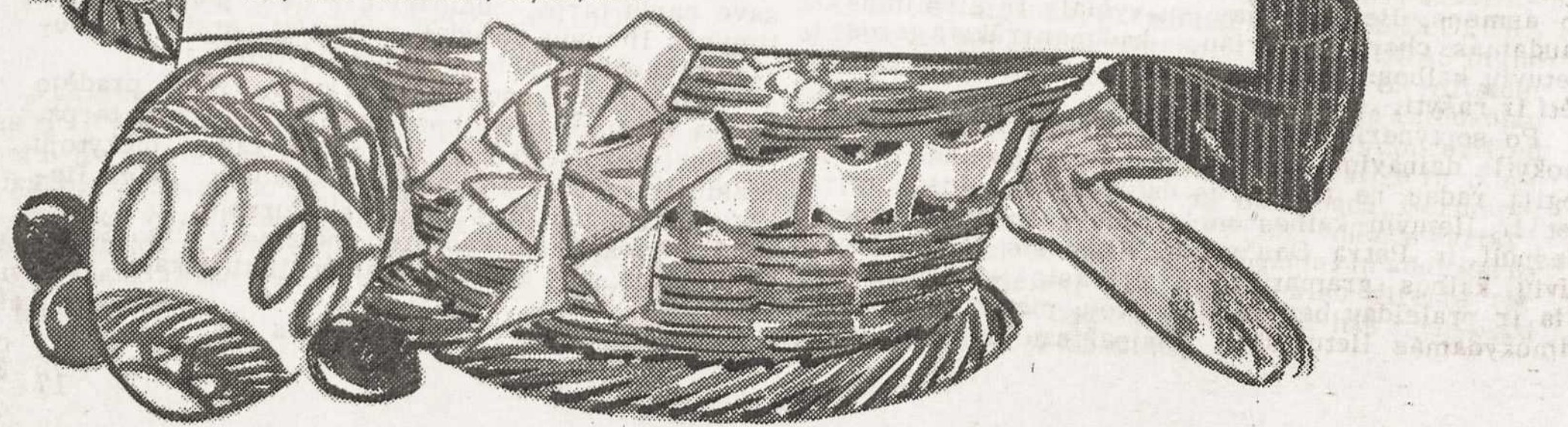
- 2 LITHUANIAN DANCE FESTIVAL - ŠOKIU ŠVENTE, International Amphitheater,
Chicago, Ill.
4 ANNUAL K of L PICNIC, I-I District, K of L Bldg. & Garden, Chicago, Ill.
24 C-26 Worcester, PICNIC, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. 12:00 Noon and on.

AUGUST

- 24-27 - 59TH NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Hollenden House, Cleveland, Ohio,
C-25 Hosts.

SEPTEMBER

- 17 C-96, Dayton, CARD PARTY AND FASHION SHOW, Courtesy Marianne Podayak,
Holy Cross Church Hall, Dayton, Ohio.



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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-1 - BROCKTON, MASS.

P.E.A.

Here we are - back in the Vytis again with wonderful news! Thirteen new K. of L. members were introduced at our January meeting: Patricia and Paula Tamoshunas; Andrew and Peter Bizinkauskas; Charlotte, Marjorie, Marion and Roberta Dillis; Peter Pileski; Cheryl Young; Anne Tumonis; Brenda Hay; Antanas Rakaitis. Many thanks to Peter Bizinkauskas, 1st Vice Pres. of the Supreme Council and one of our more dedicated members on keeping youth in the K of L! Highlighting the meeting were the awarding of the 1st Degree to our new members and also to those members who had not previously received their 1st Degree. Father Naudziunas, our Spiritual Director, administered the oath and the entire group sang the Vytis hymn, under the direction of Sylvia Shukis. After the ceremony we enjoyed a delicious buffet - many thanks to Ronnie Bizinkauskas.

After months of hard work, under the direction of Co-chairmen Joyce Piscitelli and Doris Fralick, our 28th Annual Snowflake Ball was a success! Everyone enjoyed themselves in our new surroundings. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Manny Rodericks who were chosen King and Queen of the Ball! The Queen was presented a tiara by last year's Snowflake Ball Queen, Sandra Farquar, and a bouquet of flowers by Susan Boroskas, - C-1 President. The King received gifts from John Yuskaitis, our Vice Pres. Just a side note - Larry "Arthur Murray" Svelnis, N.E. Dist. Pres. does a pretty good polka, take it from this writer!

The K. of L. gathered together Mar. 5 at the 10:00 Mass at St. Casimir's Church in observance of St. Casimir's Day. Following Mass, we enjoyed a brunch at a local restaurant. President Susan Boroskas spoke on our heritage and how proud we should be to be called Lithuanian and K of L's.

Hope all our K of L friends enjoyed a Happy Easter.

C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

"Tiny"

March means St. Casimir's Day - and C-7 observed this important day on Mar. 5 with a Mass and Communion Breakfast. Chairman John Alanskas did a fine job by inviting the Mayor of Waterbury and other dignitaries as well as all the members of all the organizations in St. Joseph's Parish. The very capable Master of Ceremonies was our own Atty. Vincent Matasavage, and Mr. A. Aleksis had a fine musical program for this occasion. Marcella Andrikis handled the Cultural portion of the program and read a resolution for Lithuania's Freedom, which we all signed and which will be sent to Washington. It was a very successful observance and we thank all who helped make it so, including the "waiters and waitresses".

Congratulations to Ed and Antoinette White on their 30th Wedding Anniversary in January. They met at the K of L, married, had children, one of whom belongs to the K of L with her husband, and are grandparents too. Many more years of health and happiness to them both. Also to be congratulated are Bob Strielkauskas and his wife, new members as of last year, who just had a baby boy, Michael Joseph. Best wishes to all! Sophie Cheske, our capable Financial Secretary, and her husband Frank, just had a new grandson, Bryan Joseph, who I am sure will give their granddaughter a little competition in their affections. Baby, mother,

father and grandparents are all doing well.

The date has been set for the K of L Bowling Banquet to be held June 3 at the American Brass Country Club. The committee is working very hard to make this a successful as the banquets have been in previous years.

James Valaitis, our President, has been a surgical patient in the hospital, but is home now and doing well. Nell Maceinas is also convalescing at home having been in the hospital too. Hope all of our K of L members will be up and well soon.

The St. Patrick's Day Party at the Clubrooms turned out to be a birthday celebration for Patricia Richards as well. She was presented with a gift by Chairman Ed DiNapoli and a cake from James Valaitis. Many more Happy Birthdays Pat!

Now that Spring is here, can Summer be far away? We hope the plans for the warm season will be as active as the past few months at C-7. Also, we'll probably be seeing each other at the National Convention which is coming up rapidly. Some of us are planning to be there - are you?

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

"Dzūkelė"

It seems hardly necessary to dwell on the matchless talents of our beloved late pastor, Father John C. Jutt. The goodness of his purpose is beyond the power of words to tell. The indelible mark his brief earthly life has left upon us ensures that his memory will long live within each of us. When it was time for our bishop to appoint a new pastor for St. Casimir's Parish, surely Heaven smiled upon us and sent Father Anthony Miciunas, M.I.C. Not wishing to impose upon Father's modesty, may we list at least two important facts from his most impressive background: first, Father served as Provincial of the Marian Fathers on two

separate occasions (he is still a member of the governing board of his Order), and, secondly, he is no stranger to the K of L, having served as Spiritual Director to the Ill.-Ind. Dist. We welcome Father and pledge our loyalty and support, while praying that he remain in good health and good cheer, to lead us for many, many years. Father Miciunas brought with him as his assistant, Father Joseph Budzicka, M.I.C., thus putting an end to the hermit life led by Father John Bakanas, with their arrival.

It is our fervent hope that the following "ailing" members be fully recovered by the time this issue is in hand: Nell Thompson, Anne Ridick, Rita Karpicus, Adele Tagman, and Ginny Lelakis. The infant son of Joe and Barbara Godek, and of Ann and Vyto Morkunas, were hospitalized this past winter, but are fine now.

Welcome to new members: Alexander Kardokas (he's known for his activity in Lithuanian Affairs, so sign him up fast, Ann Morkunas!), Pauline and James Mahoney; and now that their family has grown, Anne and Steve Walinsky (Sr.) have rejoined... Rita and Ted Pinkus travelled to Philadelphia for the Mar. 5 baptism of their new grandson, born to their daughter and son-in-law, Alana and Tony Birch... The initiative taken by Bill and Carol Grigas (Family Life couple on the parish council) resulted in a beautifully performed Folk Mass, a first for our parish... None of this year's winter sports had to be cancelled. An ample supply of snow for the ski weekend (again, arranged by Carol and Bill) had all who attended attest to good fresh crisp air in the mountains of New Hampshire where a good time was enjoyed by our ski enthusiasts... A real cold February day provided the ice on the Maironis Park side of Lake Quinsigamond, and even outsiders enjoyed the tobogganing and skating, and then enjoyed hot coffee and pastrami sandwiches indoors!... Our February meeting was held in the parish hall, preceded by a Chinese supper. The supper's authenticity was marred only by the lack of Chinese waiters. We certainly commend the committee... Following three years as Parish Council Secy., Olga Kersis

resigned, and now it's Anne Bender taking notes. Happy writing, Anne... Sympathies to Pauline Flaherty whose brother (a former K of L member, active as a bowler, especially) passed away this past winter.

We commemorated St. Casimir's Day by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion in corpore, and sharing breakfast in the parish hall. Snow forced some last minute cancellations, but a good number attended, nonetheless. Our president, Joseph Zalieckas, was master of ceremonies, and our pastor was main speaker. Father Miciunas urged us to keep dominant in our daily life the principles and ideals of the K. of L., and to keep on working regardless of the sometime lack of workers, to which Father Ziuraitis, seated at the head table, commented, "There were only 12 apostles, but what a wonderful job they did". Rev. Dr. Tomas Ziuraitis, O.P., of Washington, D.C., had just completed conducting a week-long parish retreat. Our readers will recall that some of Father's articles have appeared in the "Vytyis", and we refer you to the Nov. and Dec. issues for the two-part article entitled, "Christian Truths and Natural Sciences". Our thanks to Mrs. Peter Milus and to Mrs. Alexander Anusauskas who prepared the delicious full breakfast. Other individuals especially active in the aforementioned events were Francis and Adele Degutis, Claire Grigaitis, Helen Gillus, Anne Bender, Janice Tagman, Rose Chestnut, Anne Buciskas, Rita Pinkus, Elly and Steve (Jr.) Walinsky, Bob Albavicius, and Ronald Walinsky. It was good to see some of our married members, who can't attend each function, at some of these affairs, such as Pauline and Phil Flaherty with infant son, Marion Racicot, and Eleanor and John Gadilauskas.

More news in the next issue. In the meantime, a very Happy Easter season to all our K of L family!

C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

Ramblina

We had big doings at Our Lady of Vilna Parish in Worcester during the annual Vasario 16-to

celebration and the K. of L. played a prominent part in the proceedings. Bishop Anthony Deksnys, Bishop of all Lithuanians in western Europe, was invited by the Worcester Taryba to be the featured speaker at the annual celebration which took place on Feb. 13. Our Pres. Anthony Miner, and Vice Pres. Mrs. Irene Adamaitis, served on the executive board of the Taryba representing the K of L, and together with our Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Alphonse Volungis, Attorney Anthony Miller, Chairman Pranas Stanelis, and Lithuanian War Veterans Commander Anthony Trumpaitis, took part in the ceremony of the signing of the Mayor's Proclamation for Lithuanian Independence Day at Worcester's City Hall. Channel 27 televised the proceedings and it was aired on the News that night, Feb. 11.

On Feb. 13, there was a solemn High Mass for the intention of Lithuania with Bishop Deksnys the principal celebrant and also delivering the homily. The Mass was very well attended and there was a colorful procession of groups dressed in Lithuanian costume carrying banners. The children's choir sounded especially sweet under the direction of Bill Burdulis. Everyone's hearts fluttered when the Lithuanian and American National anthems were sung in church and the Lithuanian War Veterans with their color guard presented arms. After this stirring spiritual offering for Lithuania, the congregation hurried to a 2 P.M. program at the Lithuanian Club on Vernon St. Here again, there were a great many people, which prompted Bishop Deksnys to remark how staunchly the Lithuanians in Worcester support their annual program. Our own Tony Miner was the M.C. and introduced the Mayor, Cong. Harold Donohue, whose wife is incidentally Lithuanian, and a host of other dignitaries. After this program, there was a banquet in honor of the Bishop and almost 200 people attended this affair at Maironis Park. Tony Miner and Mrs. Irene Adamaitis were at the head table together with Father Volungis, and had an opportunity to meet the new pastor and assistant at St. Casimir's Parish. Bishop Deksnys expressed his pleasure at being in Worcester and was especially

grateful to Father Volungis for playing the gracious host during his stay here. All in all, Worcester marked the occasion impressively and the K. of L. played an important role in the proceedings before and after the occasion.

Another important milestone in the Council's activities was the annual celebration of St. Casimir's Day on Mar. 4. The members attended the 5 P.M. Mass and received Communion in a body. Our very young junior K of L'ers, Johnny March and Carolyn Adamaitis were thrilled to bring the offertory to Father Volungis during Mass. Afterwards, under the direction of Helen Daltwas and Dottie March, the members were served a kielbasa buffet in church hall. Helen also won the \$4.00 attendance prize so it was a memorable day for her in more ways than one. It was nice to see so many families in attendance - Joe and Grace Balukonis with their two boys, the Yurkenas' with their three girls, the Bob Pauluses with their son and daughter, the John Adamaitis' with their three daughters, Mrs. Michalina Kersis represented the grandmother generation, Dot Sinkavich brought her young cousin, and it was a happy celebration of the occasion. Father Volungis was happy to receive the Council's annual \$50. donation to the parish. Some of our council members - Dot Sinkavich, Helen Daltwas, Ruth Ciras, Trudy Zibinskas, and Anna Miller - had made the trip to Boston to see Peggy Fleming at the Ice Follies, and we enjoyed hearing about it.

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

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On the occasion of the 54th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence Day, there was an excellent editorial printed in our daily paper, "The Evening Sentinel" on Feb. 14. Members of C-135 took up a collection after all Masses on Feb. 13 to help the Lithuanian cause. Many thanks to those who donated, and to the volunteers who took up the collection. Our thanks, too, to Olga Savitskas who recruited the volunteers.

Congratulations to Lillian Poehailos who won Third Place for her painting in the watercolor

category during an Art Show. There were exhibitors from five surrounding towns competing, so this was quite an accomplishment!

Our Communion Breakfast was held Mar. 5. Violet Brazaitis and Al Barauskas were co-chairmen; Jack Tyson, our smiling chef, catered.

Talking and singing - eating and drinking - laughing and dancing describes our recent Mardi-Gras. A good time? You bet it was!



NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Liberty Lady

Along with the many K of L Councils across the country, C-12 celebrated St. Casimir's Anniversary on Mar. 5. Remembering the deceased members at Solemn High Mass at Our Lady of Vilna Church, our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Kardas welcomed the representation and was assisted at Mass by the President of C-12, Leon Waskiewicz. We then gathered for Communion Breakfast at the church hall.

On this auspicious occasion we observed the 58th Anniversary of C-12 with the unveiling of its

Lietuvos Vyčių Emblem Shield, designed by the eminent artist, John Subacius. This was a gift from Mary York for the cooperation she received from members on helping to promote public relations, and also as a thank-you to the persevering members who have sustained the council over the past 58 years.

As one of the original councils, C-12 was founded by Jonas Navickas prior to the 1914 National Convention at Brockton, Mass. Jonas Navickas was the first president of C-12 and later became the Very Reverend Provincial of the Marian Fathers in the United States.

Larry Janonis, NY.-N.J. Dist. President and Past President of C-12 was the guest speaker at the Anniversary and fondly recalled some of the past achievements of the council. Joining in the tribute were Past Presidents, John Yorkus, Joseph Sleder and Albert Yatkaukas.

With thoughts of the future generations of youth and the current need of an outstanding Lithuanian Cultural Center in the greater N.Y.-N.J. area, our council presented a donation of \$50.00 to Rev. Theodore Degutis, O.F.M., for the Franciscan Fathers Building Fund. This worthy endeavor deserves the support from every American of Lithuanian heritage. As Father Degutis explained to the assembled audience, now is the



Presentation of Knights of Lithuania, C-12 Emblem Shield in honor of 58th Anniversary. Standing left to right: Larry Janonis, John Yorkus, Mary York, Joseph Sleder, John Subacius, Leon Waskiewicz, Albert Yatkaukas. Seated left to right: Rev. Anthony Kardas and Rev. George Gurinskas, both of Our Lady of Vilna Church, New York City.

time we should forge ahead to complete the "Lietuvių Kultūros Židinys" and realize the dream of a century.

Helen and Vincent Cuperwich, Chairmen of the Breakfast were ably assisted by committee members Ann Zindzius, Helen Matthews, Jovita and Joseph Sleder, Barbara Kartanowicz, Ann Montvidas, Mary York and Anne Yorkus. They provided a typical Lithuanian repast enjoyed by everyone. Our dear friends from the Rosary Society joined us for this special occasion.

It was a time of pleasant recollections, conversation and remembrance of birthdays, especially Joseph Sleder, who as a committee member celebrated his birthday on Mar. 5 by working hard at the Communion Breakfast. Another cheerful and busy committee member, Ann Zindzius had a birthday coming up on Mar. 22. To both we sang "Ilgiausių Metų" with a great deal of feeling in appreciation for helping to make St. Casimir's Day enjoyable. As a final treat of the day, Pastor George Gurinkas of Aušros Vartų Šv. Marijos Bažnyčia, showed us slides of his recent European journey.

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

The Wanderer

C-29 held their annual Communion and Breakfast on Mar. 5. The event commemorated the observance of the patron of our organization, St. Casimir. Celebrant of Mass in Holy Trinity Church was the Rev. Peter Torotaitis who is also our Spiritual Director. The St. Cecilia Choir under the direction of Clement Bagdonivicius sang during the Mass. A very fine homily appropriate to the day was given by the Rev. Totoraitis. The Knights were led into Church by the color guard of the local Lithuanian - American Veterans Post. Breakfast followed in the parish hall.

The turnout was very good, the attendance remarkable, considering the fact there was a bus strike in our area at the time. Before Mass there was the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and at its conclusion, the Lithuanian and K. of L. Hymns. Louis Stukas sang a solo, the "Our



Presentation of C-12 donation to Franciscan Lithuanian Cultural Center Building Fund. Left to right: Betty Waskiewicz, Rev. Theodore Degutis, O.F.M., Leon Waskiewicz, and Helen Cuperwich.

Father", which he composed. Our National President, Dr. J. Stukas, was toastmaster at the breakfast. He extended greetings on behalf of the Supreme Council and commended C-29 for their fine turnout. Past Presidents called on for a bow were Charles Strolis, Jack Remeika and Peter Podgalsky. We thank the local Lithuanian Veterans Post color guard for taking part and making the day's observance more impressive. Msgr. Scharnus, in his talk, thanked the council for their support of the parish, and compared conditions of an area parish with those of Holy Trinity. Monsignor gave the invocation at breakfast. Guest speaker Rev. Dr. Robert F. Grady of Seton Hall University certainly did leave a very lasting impression on all present. His discourse on present day events concerning our Church as well as family life was one that will remain for a long while. President Stukas presented to Dr. Grady a record of the ceremonies in Rome during dedication of the Lithuanian Shrine in 1970. The following were welcomed and sworn into membership (ceremony conducted by Rev. Totoraitis): Mr. and Mrs. Clement Bagdonivicius, Ruth Kidzius, and Mr. and Mrs. Vladas Melinis. There was a raffle conducted at which \$70 was realized and turned over to Msgr. Scharnus for the

Holy Trinity Church fund. Our thanks to President Kazys Sipaila and Helen Kay who were co-chairmen for the event, assisted by Mary Stonis and Helen Radisch. Remembered in our prayers during Mass were the Rev. John C. Jutt, Mary Jankowski and Ed. Pavis, as well as all other K of L'ers who have passed away during the year.

Don't forget our Cultural Evening on May 13 featuring the New York Lithuanian Men's Chorus "Perkunas" which will take place in the Holy Trinity Parish hall, 205 Adams Street, Newark, commencing at 7:30 P.M. Admission is \$3.00. Come one, come all.

C-61 - PATERSON, N.J.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Dutkus family on the death of Gertrude, wife of Police Chief Stanley, mother of State Trooper Stanley J., Virginia and David, also sister-in-law of Dottie Dutkus.

Gert was an active member of C-61 for many years. When her children were old enough to join the K of L they became members. Although not active for many years, she never forgot the K of L and always helped further its goals whenever possible.

May she rest in peace.

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Smile & Sparkle

On Mar. 4, council members attended the 5 P.M. Mass at St. Casimir's Church after which they proceeded to the Canterbury House, Rt. 5, near Scotia, N.Y. where they commemorated Lithuanian Independence Day and St. Casimir's feast day. The committee in charge was Mrs. Mildred Thomas, Mrs. Anthony Radzevich and Mrs. Charles Karbus. The theme was "A Salute to Lithuania". Mrs. Eva Bates of Clifton Park, N.Y. showed slides of her recent trip to Lithuania. Mayor John P. Gomulka and his wife also attended the dinner.

After the February meeting, Father Baltch played host at the rectory and Mrs. Mildred Thomas presented him with a large birthday cake. We wished him a very happy birthday (in song naturally)... o, po to, "Ilgiausių Metų". We also acknowledged the other K. of L'ers who were celebrating their day - Bill McCune (Jan. 30... 77 years young), Nellie Liberis (Jan. 29), Don Nikstenas (Feb. 1) Polly Ziausys (Feb. 9), and Eleanor Olechowski (Feb. 27). Belated wedding anniversary greetings to Paul and Aldona Abeling (Feb. 2).

Walter Rusilas brought in a photo of a K of L Convention which was held in Lawrence, Mass. - many, many years ago. It was fun trying to locate Walt and Matt Kazlauskas in the picture. They were Amsterdam's delegates.

NEWS BITS

Vacationing in Florida the week of our meeting were Aldona and Paul Abeling, Ginny Miciulis and Joe Valikonis.

Planning to go to Lithuania in July are the following K of L'ers: Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Rev. Bernard Gustas, Sadie and Charles Karbus. There will also be a doctor in the group - our dear K. of L. friend, Dr. Adam Kindar.

Mildred Thomas spent some time in Moscow, Idaho, in January visiting her daughter Cynthia Douglas, (former C-100 secretary), to see her first grandchild, Laird Douglas.

Don Holleran and Gene Gobis hosted a 2-day Ski-Doo Party,

Feb. 12 and 13. Approximately 30 persons were in attendance each day. We are also very grateful to Leo Zemaitis for providing extra fun on his racer skidoo. (We understand it will do 75 miles per hour). K of L'ers attending were: The Druziak family, The Hartvigas family, Matt and Isabele Orante, and Peter Hayes.

Rev. Bernard Gustas missed the February gathering with good reason; he was vacationing in Jamaica for a week.

Father Anthony Grigaitis recently had surgery. He is now fully recovered and was able to attend the February meeting.

The "Love Bug" has finally hit two of our members... getting to be a familiar couple at all the affairs is Joe Valikonis and Ginny Miciulis!

We believe Pauline Urban took her first flight last month. She flew to Buffalo to visit her friend who is recovering from a recent operation.

Sophie Olbie is very busy these days selling lottery tickets for St. Casimir's Ladies' Auxiliary.

A speedy recovery is wished Peter Urba from a recent mishap. Also, happy belated birthday, Petel (Mar. 14).

Celebrating their day in April are Ann Sweet (Apr. 11), Pauline Urban (Apr. 26) and Helen Druziak (Apr. 28). Ilgiausių Metų Jums visiems ir daug laimės ir gero pasisekimo.



C-109 members at Annual Communion Breakfast. Left to right: Jules Picardi, Rev. Frank Bulovas, Joseph Zukas, and Anthony Kober.

C-109 - GREAT NECK, N.Y.

Our council meetings are held at members' homes. This seems to be the only way we can get good attendance. The February Meeting was held at the Kober's residence, where the gals (Tony being the only

male) discussed everything from beaded flowers to Amway products. Since we don't have council dues, we initiated the "50-50 raffle" at our meetings. This does add something to the treasury; (we have seen some "lean years"). Plans were finalized for our Mar. 5 Communion Reception and Lunch which was in commemoration of St. Casimir. Mass was offered by our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Frank Bulovas, at 1 P.M. at St. Aloysius Church, Great Neck. Since we did not have any seating arrangements, it was indeed gratifying to see our K of L'ers, Lou Ann and Phil Rutha, carry the gifts to the altar during the Offertory. The homily by Father Frank (given in Lithuanian) was appropriate for the occasion, and while we're certain that Phil Rutha and Jules Picardi might have had difficulty in understanding, the other members of the congregation thoroughly enjoyed it. All gathered at Maude Craig's Restaurant for lunch. There were about 20 present, and it was a pleasure to greet our guests: Mrs. Emilija Karazia, Paul Rusas, and possible future members, Mr. and Mrs. Zack; Janie Zukas and Donna Kurila. It was a delightful gathering, and while we are a small group, we are very close and continue to support our K of L. Our President for many years, Al Wesey, has always been there when we need him, and we are grateful to him for keeping us together. We did miss Birute Gonzalez, who is a nurse and was on duty at the Manhasset Medical Center. Also missed were Joan and Bill Bernatovich, Ann and Peter Bernatovich, and Frank Alecks. Would you believe we haven't see them in over a year? Come on down and join in the activity.

Anne Martens is still working at the Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy (a dreamy place), but is also in a new business venture (in her spare time). We had been watching the Olympics and the figure skating of Anne's cousin, John Misha Petkevich. While the flamboyant Misha did not place in the Olympics, (though he came in 2nd in the figures), he gave the U.S. its first gold medal at the World University Winter Games at Lake Placid, N.Y. Mary Picardi is now a member of Weight Watchers, and doing very

well. Jules Picardi received his 25-year pin in the Port Washington Volunteer Fire Department. Congratulations! Sue Zebart is our ever-efficient Corresp. Secy. without whom we could not exist. Are the Rutha's going to get that cadillac soon? Lou Ann and Phil are now planning a trip to Mickey Rooney's Downingtown, Pa. Amish country. Millie and Charlie Rogers are sporting an elegant new Skylark Buick. Marion and Richie Kurila have purchased lakefront property in Deltona and Citrus Springs, Fla. You're both too young to retire, yet! Tony Kober spent some time in the hospital, just before Christmas, and is now thoroughly recovered. Mary and Nancy Kober planed to San Juan, P.R. and made side trips to the Islands. Tis said that most accidents happen at home. Such was the case with Joe Zukas who had a mishap which required 17 stitches. All is well now. Jo Zukas was elected Treasurer of St. Peter's Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Program in Port Washington. She is now chairman of a drive to collect S&H Green Stamps which will be redeemed to purchase audio-visual library material for the parish children. If anyone has some "left overs", send them on to Jo.

Starcy Wesley lost her sister, brother and father, within a period of six months. Our deepest condolences to Star who has lost so much. Al and Starcy spent the month of February in California, taking in the sunshine and visiting with two of Star's sisters. Our deepest sympathies, too, to Ricky and Beverly Marks on the death of Beverly's dad, Osmond Smith, just before Christmas. Please remember our deceased in your prayers.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT



C-36 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Congratulations to the following officers who were elected to serve for the 1971-72 year: President - Scotty Zukas; 1st Vice-President - Helen Pius; 2nd Vice-President - Vince Samaska; 3rd Vice-President - Kazimiera Petrusis; Recording Secretary



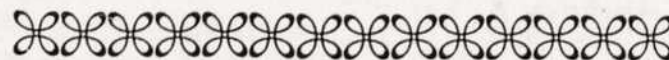
The girls shown here decorate a Lithuanian tree with straw ornaments.

Christine Stachyra; Corresponding Secretary - Sally Chernius; Financial Secretary - Ann Marie Kassel; Treasurer - Frank Svelnis; Sargent-at-Arms - Jerome Jankus and Napoleon Sapkus; Trustees - Lucille Kilkus and Al Kassel; Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Paul Juknevicus.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kentra are very proud of their daughter Lauren. She and friends Susan Radivich, Carolyn Kasarski, and Lucille Vesota were shown decorating the Lithuanian tree at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, in the Nov.-Dec. issue of Telebriefs. Over 3 million Telebriefs were in circulation. These girls and their fellow K of L Dancers also did a beautiful job in representing Lithuania in the Christmas pageant they presented there. The 30th Annual Christmas Around-The-World Festival chose the Lithuanian tree as "best" of the 22 Christmas trees decorated in the traditions of that many nations. For those of you who missed the Festival last year, plan on it this year. You'll find the trees in the rotunda of the Museum of Science immediately after Thanksgiving.

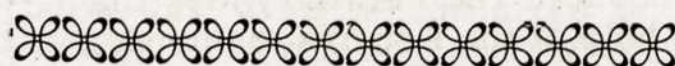
In March, the K of L'ers were treated to a "rejuvenate your jewelry box" fashion show brought to us by Park-Lane Jewelries. They also provided the door prize for the evening.

Those of you who missed it, come on down next month. We have a lot of surprises in store for '72.



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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

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President Julie Zakarka appointed Ed Krivickas to fill the vacancy of Vice-President, which was created by the resignation of Irene Rakaitis. We know Ed will do a most capable job in his new position.

Council members Estelle Rogers, Choir president, and Vladas Paliulionis, dance chairman, and their committee are to be commended on the really terrific and successful choir dance. The Choir also added to their stature in the Lithuanian community by performing at the Feb. 16 commemorations at Rockford, Ill., and at the Immaculate Conception parish. District Board chairman Leon Pauksta and his brother joined Vyto Uznis and flew to Rockford just to hear the Choir perform. From Leon's comments, he's ready to join Vyto on his many cross-country flights just as soon as Vyto gets delivery on a new and LARGER plane.

Our council, the Choir, and all K of L members were saddened to hear of the death of John Byanskas, the choir's frequent accompanist and noted musician. He will be greatly missed.

Many of our members also attended the recent successful K of L Juniors Dance which was held at the K of L Building.

After the February council meeting held at the K of L Bldg., the District presented Ritual Degrees to the following 112'ers: 1st Degrees to Prudencija Bickus, Aloysius Pakalniskis, and Helen Janis, - and 2nd Degrees to Alexander Pakalniskis and Algis Skudra. Congratulations to all the worthy recipients. Assisting Ritual Chairman Helen Zimmer Skudra were Irene Sankus, John Evans and Al Zakarka, with Al Dagis serving as Sgt-at-Arms and Ruth Dagis, as accompanist.

We were also well represented at the District's Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner. In addition to the general attendance of council members, Algerd Brazis, John Evans, Irene Sankus and Estelle Rogers served on the coordinating committee and Gerry Mack, Ed Krivickas and Algis Skudra were among the working crew. Our lovely council member,

the Lithuanian Consul General Josephine Dausvardis, did us proud with her well-received address to the guests.

A surprise guest at the dinner was Al Jaritis of South Boston. Al was in Chicago to see a Black Hawk-Bruin hockey game and to pay off a bet to Irene Sankus and Al Raubiskis as a result of last season's game finals. Better luck this season, Al!

The District commemoration of St. Casimir's Day was hosted by C-36. We all enjoyed an excellent brunch and an entertaining program with guest speaker, Paul (Saltimeris) Saliner. His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys celebrated the Mass and gave a most enlightening sermon on St. Casimir. We are always honored to have the Bishop participate in so many of our activities.

Among the recipients of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree were council members, Al Raubiskis and Tony Rudis, Jr., and C-36 member Vince Samaska. Congratulations, men!

Recently-wed Algis and Helen

Skudra joined our other two-council family, Frank and Lorraine Svelnis. Algis and Lorraine are members of our council and Helen and Frank, members of C-36.

Al Brazis sang the male lead in the Pirmyn Chorus' presentation of the "Merry Widow". Those in attendance at the "Memories" dinner had a preview performance with Al entertaining the guests, accompanied by his wife, Aldona. We can become very spoiled with such excellent professional talent in our council as Al Brazis and Prudencija Bickus. Our sing-alongs are really great!

Al Dagis, Chairman of our upcoming dance "A Night in Dixie" really is interested in welcoming out-of-town guests, as he urged our recent Bostonian guest, Al Jaritis, to return with friends to Chicago in May. Al Dagis and his committee are tremendous party-givers, so all Chicagoans, out-of-towners, K of L'ers and non-K of L'ers can be assured of a real fun evening on May 5 at the K of L Building.



Guests at "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner-Dr. Leon Kriauceliunas, His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys, Lithuanian Consul General Josephine Dausvardis, John Evans and Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

"Taityte"

The Ill.-Ind. Dist's 12th annual commemoration of Lithuania's Independence Declaration, "Memories of Lithuania" was held on Feb. 19. As usual, the K of L hall was filled with a most impressive group of guests, including our very dear Honorary Guests His Excellency, Bishop Vincentas Brizgys

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SATURDAY Morning, May 20 - BRUNCH - Royal Ascot Motor Inn

SATURDAY Afternoon, May 20 - BOWLING TOURNAMENT
Thunderbird Lanes, 4200 Allen Road, Allen Park, Michigan

SATURDAY Evening, May 20 - "SWINGER"
PROUD MARY'S, 1625 Fort, Lincoln Park, Michigan

SUNDAY Morning, May 21 - MASS - 11:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Lithuanian Church, Detroit, Michigan

SUNDAY Afternoon, May 21 - VICTORY BANQUET - Proud Mary's

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A few members of IID's Dinner Committee: (seated) Helen Skudra and Estelle Rogers (standing) John Evans, Irene Sankus, Cecelia Matul and Algerd Brazis.

and Honorary Consul General of Lithuania, Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis.

This year the District's Man of the Year/plaque was awarded Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas, for his dedicated devotion of time, efforts and support of the cultural activities presented and preserved in this area and nationally. John Evans introduced our recipient and made the presentation, which was most graciously received by Dr. Kriauceliunas. Leon Pauksta Dist. Board Chairman was our able Master of Ceremonies.

The planning Committee, John Evans and Algerd Brazis, Co-Chairmen, Irene Sankus, Eleanore Laurin, Leon Pauksta, Estelle Rogers and Vince Samaska along with other Committee assistants Gerry Mack, Cis Matul, Ed Krivickas, Helen and Algis Skudra contributed to making this another smooth and successful event. Many thanks also to Harry Lindquist and our new Building Manager Gedeminas Janula for their assistance. This might be a good opportunity to say welcome to Gedeminas and say we are delighted to have him working with us the capacity as the building manager.

Our traditional St. Casimir Day Commemoration was hosted by C-36 this year. His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys held the High Mass at Immaculate Conception Church and, after a word of greeting from Msgr. D. Mozzeris, the Bishop gave an inspiring and very informative sermon about our Patron Saint.

The luncheon and program were held at the K of L building, im-

mediately after Mass. Frank Svelnis, Master of Ceremonies introduced the various guests which included the Honorary Members and Council Presidents present. Paul (Saltimieras) Saliner, formerly very active in all phases of K of L events, was the guest speaker and delighted all, including his wife Julie, with his reminiscences of the great and good old K of L days.

This year's K of L'er of the Year awards were presented to two outstanding members, Mrs. Kazimiera Petrulis, for countless years of constantly active service to the Dist., the Seniors, C-36 and the building, and to Vince Samaska, for his many years of time, effort and talent devoted also to the Dist., C-36 and the building. It was entirely our pleasure to present Mrs. Petrulis with an amber pin, and Vince with Vytis emblem decorated tie clasp, as a token of our appreciation.

To bring our readers up-to-date on some of the activities during the winter, following are some excerpts from our District bulletin the "Trumpet", edited by Val and Joe Stanatis.

III.-Ind. Dist Committee Appointments:

Juniors Co-ordinator - Cecilia Matul, C-14
 Ritual - Helen Zimmer Skudra, C-36
 Lithuanian Affairs - Albert Zakarka, C-112
 Public Relations - Estelle Rogers, C-112
 Civic Affairs - Vincent Samaska, C-36
 Scholarship - Eleanore Laurin (H.M.) C-13
 Bulletin Editor, Publication and Mailing - Valeria and Joseph Stanaitis, Seniors
 "Vytis" Correspondent - Eleanore Laurin, C-13

The District's Annual Memorial Mass on Dec. 5 was a very important and solemn affair. Mass was held at the Jesuit Center. The K of L Choir performed superbly under the direction of Audrone Simonaityte accompanied by Mongirdas Moteikaitis.

Rev. J. Gutasukas delivered a very fitting homily for the occasion. Seated at the guest table

were: Lithuanian Consul General Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis, I. Sakalas, Rev. J. Gutasukas, Eleanore Laurin, Irene Sankus, Leon Pauksta, A. Gabalas and J. Zakarka. MC Ignas Sakalas eulogized the deceased. Mrs. Dauzvardis impressed all with her short talk. Chef of the day was Vincent Samaska aided by Mrs. K. Petrulis. Much of the detail was handled by Irene Sankus and Eleanore Laurin.

Condolences to the wife and family of Kazimieras Jonaitis, Seniors, who died Jan. 5. Also, to the mother and family of Rev. Walter Urba (pastor of St. Joseph Church) South Chicago. Father Urba was an assistant at Nativity BVM Church in two intervals, totaling seven years. Kindly remember them in your prayers.

The K of L Choir Banquet and Dance, held Jan. 22 was a complete sell-out and success. All had a good time and enjoyed the performance of Audrone Simonaityte and Faustas Strolia. Congratulations to Choir President Estelle Rogers and the officers and members of the Choir.

Belated Wedding Wishes to Wally Zemgulis and Isabella Conway both of C-36, on their recent marriage. Congratulations and best wishes for a successful year to newly-elected C-36 President, Sophia (Scotty) Zukas and her corps of officers. A baby boy, Adam Cyril, for Ronald and Carole Lack. Proud grand-parents Steve and Anna Mae Lack. Congratulations to all!

Chicago's loss will be Worcester's gain! Rev. Anthony Micunas, MIC., was transferred to Worcester, Mass. to serve as the pastor of St. Casimir, whose for-



Recipient of Illinois-Indiana District's Award at "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner, Dr. Leon Kriauceliunas, Irene Sankus and Leon Pauksta.

mer pastor was the late Rev. John Jutt. We know that the K of L'ers will cordially welcome Fr. Micunas and find him most receptive to the Knights of Lithuania.

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

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We bit a few fingernails, said some prayers and jittered our nerves when the weatherman predicted a 3-inch snowfall on Mar. 5, which meant our St. Casimir's Day function might be in jeopardy. However, the Good Lord was on our side and over 70 members attended from the three Detroit councils, hosted by our 79'ers. Chairman Maggie Smailis and her committee of Ruth Grasha and Sophie Zager outdid themselves to make the event a memorable one. Church services were impressive; Father Al Babonas gave an eloquent sermon on St. Casimir. Emil Byville did a terrific job, on spur-of-the-moment notice, carrying the Lithuanian flag preceding the marching of members into church. The three presidents of each council - Albena Kurpowic of C-139, Grazina Vaskelis of C-102 and Gerry Zager of C-79 carried the offertory gifts. We sincerely thank Father Neffy for his great cooperation to hold the church services at St. Beatrice's while awaiting the building of our own edifice.

Following church services, members gathered at the King's Arms for a luncheon. Our pastor, Father M. Kundrat, delivered a

"short but sweet" talk to the group. Among other clergy present were: Fr. Stanievich of St. Marks, Fr. Simaitis of St. Anthony's, and Father Babonas, assistant of Divine Providence. We were happy to have Honorary Member, Robert Boris, in our midst.

A lovely birthday cake to Fr. Kundrat climaxed the occasion with little "Chip" Newberry and Eleanor Grasha doing the presentation. However, when it came time for blowing out the candles, they just would not blow out. But he managed to remedy the matter nicely. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to four other members: Patricia Medonis, Monica Salas, Wm. Grasha and Gerry Zager. The occasion brought out a lot of faces we haven't seen in a long while, and it seemed like a great day for reminiscence and enjoyment.

The annual "Cheer Raffle" was the principle attraction at our meeting on Mar. 1. Leo Smilgis won First Prize. Tony Dainus was the top seller again, with sister, Julie Beleckas, following close by. Chairman E. Paurazas worked very hard for its success, and we express a big "Ačiū" to her and to everyone for their fine efforts. Afterwards, the hostesses, Madge Stanton and Julia Beleckas, treated members to delicious goodies.

SOFFI SNOOPING:

Many of our members escaped to far-away places during the cold Michigan weather. Cassie Bay vacationed in Arizona... Bill and Ona Walls went to Florida for a few weeks stay. After Bill's combating a long illness, it was a real treat... Joe and Helen Usoris visited with his mother for a month's stay in Phoenix, and motored to California, Mexico and other parts out west... While Ann Calvin was basking in the fun and sun of Arizona, she won a "Cheer" prize as a result of our raffle on Mar 1... Happiness comes in double doses for Adeline and Bernie Vitkus. They became grandparents of twin daughters, born to M/M Bernie Vitkus, Jr., in Chicago... On a saddened note, Bernie (Sr.) lost his beloved mother in Pennsylvania. Our council offers sincerest consolation to the bereaved family... Wonder if Ruth Grasha solved the mystery of her dad's

missing hat following the St. Casimir's Day Observance?... Congratulations to Valentina Hotra and Ramutis Bulota who were married on Feb. 29. The Zager's son, Mark, a former K of L Junior, tied the knot with Sandra Solden, on April 7... We received word via Elizabeth Paurazas from the Harold Yuncks who send our council their best wishes and report they are fine and keeping themselves busy in Florida. Our regards to Cel and Harold. We, indeed, miss them. Much thanks to them for the raffle donation. It helped!... We had some sick people. Kazimir Arman was very ill and hopefully recovering. Violet Panavas had been hospitalized, and now getting along fine. Our ex-president, Frank Zager, required hospitalization, and Julius Bridgevaitis was in the hospital for surgery. We wish them all well.

It was with utmost sadness that we learned the loss of our M/C Dist. Pres. Vincent Ed. Pavis. He was an outstanding leader and his numerous activities would take pages to unfold. He will be greatly missed and our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his dear wife, Stella. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



DAYTON, OHIO JUNIORS

Christine Mantz

The months of November and December were busy ones for us. The profit realized from the "country store" will help us get to camp this summer. In December, we also gave presents to the State Hospital. We had a Christmas Dinner at the Ponderosa, followed by a party and election of officers at the home of Elinor Sluzas.

The new officers are: President - Ed Sluzas, Vice-Pres. - Sherry Richey, Secretary - Christine Mantz, Treasurer - Mike Petkus, Sgt.-at-Arms - Raymond Gecas, Vytis Correspondent - Christine Mantz. We were sworn in at our January Meeting by Father Titus.

In February we had a Valentine Bake Sale, and practiced for the Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration, with the help of Jerry Bedrosky directing.

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Thursday	- August 24 - A.M. - P.M. - Evening	Golf Tournament Opening Session To be announced at later date
Friday	- August 25 - A.M. - A.M. - Noon - P.M. - P.M.	Opening Solemn High Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Sessions Sports Luncheon Sessions Concert - Hollenden House
Saturday	- August 26 - A.M. - A.M. - Noon - P.M.	Requiem Mass for Deceased Members - St. John's Cathedral - 9th & Superior Sessions Luncheon Semi-Formal Dance - Music by Eddie Platt and his renowned Orchestra - Hollenden House Ballroom
Sunday	- August 27 - A.M. - 2 P.M.	Solemn High Mass - St. George's Church - 67th & Superior Avenue Closing Banquet - Hollenden House